

7 Things to Know to Make Your OSAC Tour a Success!

1. **Time Zones:** Saskatchewan does not observe Daylight Savings. We never change our clocks! This means that as of the second Sunday in March we observe Mountain Standard Time (same time zone as Alberta) and as of the first Sunday in November we observe Central Standard Time (same time zone as Manitoba). This can be confusing, there are handy mobile apps to help you out.
2. **Roads and travel conditions:** Please don't blindly trust Google Maps or your GPS! GPS units have been known to be very inaccurate in rural Saskatchewan. Road Construction and winter travel conditions can also throw you off track in a big way!
Road Condition info is available at:
 - Saskatoon and area: 1-306-933-8333
 - Regina and area: 1-306-787-7623
 - Road Conditions Website: <http://hotline.gov.sk.ca/map/en.html>
 - Road Conditions for your phone: http://mhotline.gov.sk.ca/mobile_report.html
 - **Please discuss best travel routes with the Arts Council member prior to departing to the next location to avoid construction, bad roads etc.**
 - SaskTel cell network: *ROAD
 - Toll-free across Canada: 1-888-335-7623
3. **Cell Phone Coverage:** Sasktel and Telus have by far the best cell coverage in Saskatchewan. If you have another carrier you may run into areas where you do not have reception. Check your carrier's coverage map. If you do not have coverage you may want to consider buying temp coverage on the Sasktel or Telus networks.
4. **Consumables:** Many OSAC communities are in smaller rural centres. Access to music shops most likely will not exist. Be sure to bring enough picks, strings, sticks and other consumables for your tour.
5. **Accommodations:** Book early! As the Saskatchewan economy has continued its boom, hotel room availability has become a big issue. We suggest booking rooms as soon as your dates are confirmed.
6. **Gas and Food:** Rural gas stations and restaurants may not be open past 5:00pm! Gas up and arrange for post show food prior to your performance.
7. **SOCAN:** OSAC strives to be 100% SOCAN compliant. Be sure to submit your Notification of Live Performance Forms to SOCAN.

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