

## To The Forest or Bust

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*To all the animals*

*You are invited to*

*Priscilla Gorilla's big party*

*Where? In the forest*

*(Illustrator note: Invitation to the animals)*

All the animals are invited to Priscilla Gorilla's big party in the forest.

But how will they get there?

Who's going to drive?

Not Dean the Wolverine, he was seen reading a magazine while driving a limousine over a ravine? No, that's not a good scene.

Noooo, not Edgar the Jaguar who played guitar while driving a sports car – he won't get far.

What about letting Chuck the Wood Duck drive the monster truck?

Nooo! It'd be bad luck, he'll only run amok.

Would it be proper to let Christopher the Grasshopper fly a chopper?

Ah - no, he's gonna come a cropper.

Hmmm ... how about Wayne the Crane flying a plane in the rain over the plain?

Noooo! That would be insane.

Or Maxine the Sardine? Definitely not! She steered a tangerine submarine while playing tambourine?

Well then, it's not a good plan to let Fabian the Orangutan drive a minivan – he's a madman.

No, no, no, only a buffoon would let Neptune the Baboon fly a hot-air balloon over a lagoon in a monsoon.

Beep beep, please don't let Bo Peep's Sheep drive the Jeep, they'll only fall asleep and end up in a heap.

Um, no, don't make the mistake of letting Jake the Snake ride a skate, he has no feet for the brake.

Take note, I vote not to let Billy Goat steer a boat in a moat, it won't stay afloat.

Please feel free to disagree to let Bree the Chimpanzee ride a jet ski – I foresee she would scratch a flea and crash into a tree.

By hook or by crook why would you let Brooke the Chook ride a tuk-tuk? It's not a good look.

Bam! If you let Cam the Clam operate a tram in a traffic jam, he'd use it as a battering ram.

Naaah, it's just daft for Garth the Giraffe to take a photograph and pilot a hovercraft. But it would be a laugh.

Ay, ay, ay, only a galoot in a suit would let Canute the Newt drive the ute, he'll end up on the wrong route.

And we must be very wary to let Mary the Canary steer a ferry – now, that's just scary.

So ... how **will** the animals get to Priscilla Gorilla's party in forest?

By bus?

But, who is left to drive the bus?

It's obvious ... There won't be any fuss to trust Angus the Walrus to drive the bus.

He has a license, now that's a plus.

To the forest or bust.

*Illustration suggestion: (WILD TOURS – TO THE FOREST OR BUST) - on the top of the bus – with all the animals aboard*

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