Attend the Boston 2016 No Pants Subway Ride This Weekend!

Improv Everywhere invites you to join the 9th annual “No Pants Subway Ride” event and party in Boston on Sunday, January 10th from 2-5pm.  If you want to dress in full winter gear minus pants or simply believe that not wearing pants is pure freedom on a scale from one to America, then you should meet the rest of the crazies at Pemberton Square - at Government Center at 2:00pm sharp to grab your itinerary, receive direction, and hit the subway- no pants style.  Once the No Pants Party train ride is over, the pantless party continues at McGreevy's on Boylston Street.

The event was incepted in 2002 by Improv Everywhere, the creators of the event. The pantless tradition takes place on the same day and time as its many counterparts, including the prank collectives in New York City, Chicago, Copenhagen, London, Sydney, and other global destination cities. The Founder of Improv Everywhere, Charles Todd, calls the event a “celebration of silliness”.  The event was simply created to bring smiles and laughter to participants and other subway riders who might be awe-struck by the surrounding folks without pants on in the dead of winter.  A fun fact about the tradition is that the first no pants ride was held on January 10th, 2002 in New York City-and had only 7 participants! Since then it has grown to welcome thousands of daring individuals in cities everywhere to strip down to their bare thighs and ride the metro system.In Boston last year there were approximately 250 participants, a number estimated by James Cobalt, the voice behind the Boston Society of Shenanigans (S.O.S.) tutorial videos to welcome newbies to the pantless Boston subway ride. When I first read about the event on Boston Calendar I was somewhat creeped out, but also intrigued. I mean, why are these people attending public no-pants prank collectives all over the world? And the answer seems to be more than, just because. There is something about the solidarity of pantless people on the subway in cities all over the globe that makes for an odd, yet genuine community. The comradery created through de-panting is what Improv Everywhere achieves each year with the “No Pants Subway Ride” tradition.

The Boston experience proceeds as written: The group gathers at 2:00pm this Sunday in Pemberton Square, fully dressed. Each participant is given a card with event instructions. The groups then board separate subway cars in full winter gear, but without pants. The groups are in acting mode, meaning they do not act like they know each other or let anyone know of the improv event. When asked, “Why are you not wearing pants?” by estranged commuters, the pantless people are expected to respond with answers like: “I’m just SO hot!” or “I completely forgot to put them on this morning!” The after party begins at 3:30pm at McGreevy’s with beers, dancing, and pantless company.

The online video for the [Boston 2016 “No Pants Subway Ride”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUF3sKxqwlk) is an 8 minute in-depth tutorial on how to be prepared for the event. You would think being able to de-pant and re-pant would be enough, but indeed dressing in costume and staying in character is vital to the improv event. Check out the videos from the founders, Improv Everywhere, to get an idea of what the event in action entails by clicking [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n00NFbjv3WU&index=1&list=PL04BB57CAC423416E).

Forget the cold, forget your rationale, and forget your pants. The “No Pants Subway Ride” is a worthy tradition to experience.