

## Things to Bring and Think About.

- Luggage -- You may bring one piece of checked luggage and one carry-on bag. **Southwest** does not charge for checked bags. Checked luggage cannot weigh more than 50 pounds. The charge for a bag that weighs more is an extra \$50.00. If your bag is overweight, you must pay the fine before you leave the counter or take stuff out of your bag to leave behind until it gets down to 50 pounds. Remember that you will want to leave a little room to bring home souvenirs.
- Airport Procedures We will arrive at the airports with plenty of time to get you checked in and go through security. When you go through security, you will have to take off your shoes, belts and other things that have metal in them. You may not take any liquid larger than 2 ounces in a carry-on bag. Please remain sensible at the airport. Security agents do not have a sense of humor while they are working will not appreciate any of your jokes or comments. Jokes and comments will get you detained for questioning, likely causing you to miss the flight, so just keep your mouths closed as you go through security. We will have to switch planes in Indianapolis airport on the way home. Please stay together as a group as we move to the next gate. After we arrive at the next gate, you should then have time to get food, snacks, use the restroom, etc.
- Promptness -- Mr. Stroh has no tolerance for people being late. We have a very packed itinerary and the group cannot wait for a few rude people that are late. Meeting times will always be announced and all travelers are expected to follow them. Students who are late, will lose privileges for the rest of the day. Please keep an eye on the time and make sure you arrive on time.
- Clothing -- The average temperature in LA for March is a high of 70 and a low of 52. In other words, the weather will be nearly identical to what we are used to so pack accordingly. We are going to Santa Monica Beach Thursday evening. The average Pacific Ocean temperature is 55 degrees, so you probably won't need your suit, but you may want to dip you toe into the Pacific to say that you have done so.
- Comfortable Walking Shoes -- **DO NOT BRING NEW SHOES.** There will be a great deal of walking throughout the trip. Have good comfortable shoes that you can get around in.
- Medications If you have prescription medications, you must let Mr. Stroh know and the medication **MUST** be in the original container with your name typed on the label.

You may bring over the counter medications without notifications. Advil, Tylenol, etc are ok to bring with you. Having large supplies of cough medicine could raise a red flag, but things in moderation are fine.

- Concert Attire -- Guys can roll their tuxes to fit into suitcase. Girls know that the dresses are indestructible so there is no need to worry about them.
- Cash -- How much to bring? You will need money for food. There is free breakfast each day at our hotel. Amusement Park food is a little more expensive than normal so keep that in mind as well. Some will want to go crazy on souvenirs and shopping and will need to plan for that as well. I would think that \$20 per day would be the minimum. Those students wanting lots of souvenirs can spend \$100 per day. The latter seems a bit excessive to me. Somewhere in between would probably work best.
- Singers – A healthy voice
- IDs -- Students 17 and under will not need a picture ID to board the plane. It is a good idea to have one, however. You can use your driver's license or permit or your school id.
- Flight Amusements – You will be on a plane for almost 6 hours each way. Bring something to do.
- Calling home - You should call home and let your parents know how you are doing. Just remember not to call when we get back to the hotel for the evening. That will be about 2:00 in the morning here.
- Discipline -- You must remember that this is a school sponsored trip. All luggage, carry-on items and instruments will be searched before you can check them at the airport. Any students found with illegal items at this time or at any time during the trip will be subject to school punishment. Any student that has a major violation of the rules, for example: under the influence of drugs or alcohol, in possession of drugs, alcohol or tobacco, away from the group or out of your room after hours, blatant disrespect, any violation of California law etc., will result in your **immediate departure from California on a plane at your parents expense.** You will also be subject to punishment upon our return to Fort Myers. Please use your head at all times.