

July 13 through July 21, 2012

VERY IMPORTANT!!

Only bring with you what you can carry. Pillow, carry-on bag, blanket for the bus (it can sometimes get a little cool), hanging bag (for your Concert Attire), and suitcase. All of these items together are **YOUR** responsibility to carry. It is important that you do not bring extra bags or other things to carry unless you can carry them yourself.

Carry On Items

- Bible
- Bus things to do (Playing cards and electronic games - must have headphones!)
- Pen and paper. Crayons and coloring books.
- Books or magazines to read.
- Snacks as appropriate (sharing usually takes place) -- Drinks must be in re-sealable containers!
- Please no 'Melly' snacks!!
- CD/MP3 player WITH headphones (spare batteries)
- **Pillow** & light blanket
- Contact/glasses case
- Hat & sunglasses
- Digital Camera, we can upload your pics to the website!! Remember to bring the cable for your camera!!!

Concert Attire

Packed in your hanging bag!

- Cross & Flame Polo-style shirt (**Red**, **Dark Blue**, or both)
- Undershirt(s) (suggested) to wear under Cross & Flame shirt
- Dark shoes for concerts (NO tennis shoes) 'Doc Martin' style sandals are fine.
- Dark or khaki socks for concerts (NO white socks)
- Khaki pants (guys or girls) or Khaki skirt (girls) NO "Mini" skirts – School dress code.
- Belt (if your pants/skirt has belt loops)

Other General Items to Pack

- Testament T-shirt(s)
 - Light jacket or sweater
 - Alarm clock
 - If you are cold natured you may want to pack a pair of jeans and a long sleeve T-shirt, some of the meeting rooms may be cool
 - Flip-Flops
 - Watch
 - 2 Plastic bags for wet & Dirty clothes
 - Sunglasses & hat/visor
 - Sun Screen
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Linens and towel

We will be required to bring our own linens this year.

PACK the following linens:

- Set of Twin Size Sheets (X-long if available or consider two flat sheets. The dorm beds are usually longer mattresses)
- Pillow (can be carried on bus)
- Light blanket (can be carried on bus)
- Bath towel(s) and wash cloth
- Plastic bag to carry wet towels in when we are travelling.

Toiletries

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Brush/Comb
- Hairdryer
- Shampoo
- Soap (for shower)
- Prescriptions - (Adults need to know if you have any)
- Tylenol/Aspirin/Advil
- Deodorant (LOTS!)
- Sun block (LOTS!)

What Not to Bring

- Alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or items that can be construed as weapons
- Student should not bring anything that they or you would hate to lose.
- This includes computers and related electronics
- Jewelry or other possessions of either great sentimental or monetary value
- Any recorded music with vulgar or profane language
- "Boom boxes" or portable speakers

Cell phones are discouraged. Chaperones can be contacted in case of emergencies. Student who want to call home during the tour should use a pre-paid calling card, call collect, or ask to use a chaperone's phone. We want student to enjoy their tour experience and not focus on "keeping in touch" with friends and family.

Please use good judgment about what to wear. We are a church group. The type of clothing we wear (e.g., short shorts) and what the words say on our clothes (i.e., T-shirts) should be appropriate for such a group of students. Your adult leaders do not want to have to ask you to change clothes, but we will.

Packing needs the following days

Friday July 13

Wear **comfortable clothes**, we will be on the road for most of the day; we will change into **concert attire** after checking in at the University

Saturday July 14

Wear **comfortable clothes**, we will be on the road for most of the day; we will change into **concert attire** after checking in at the University

Sunday July 15

Wear **concert attire** to breakfast. We will return to campus for lunch and then change into **comfortable clothes** for the afternoon. Change back into **concert attire** for the evening performance.

Monday July 16

Wear **comfortable clothes and closed toe shoes**, for work at the Food Bank. Pack a **clean shirt** if you want, we will be going straight to lunch/Wal-Mart and then back to campus. Change into **khaki shorts and Testament t-shirt** for the evening at the Colorado Rockies game.

Tuesday July 17

Wear **comfortable clothes** to breakfast, then change into **concert attire**; Change back into **comfortable clothes** for the afternoon then back into **concert attire**.

Wednesday July 18 Special Rafting Needs

- The river water is cold and weather changes quickly (rentals strongly encouraged)
- Wear quick-drying clothing, nylon or synthetic fabrics
- Recommend no cotton clothing and wear appropriate footwear. Feet must be covered, no flip-flops or Crocs.
- Remember Sunscreen!

Pack a dry **comfortable outfit**.

Thursday July 19

Wear **comfortable clothes** we will be on the road for most of the day; we will change into **concert attire** after checking in at the University

Friday July 20

Wear **comfortable clothes** we will be on the road for most of the day; we will change into **concert attire** after checking in at the University

Saturday July 21

Wear **comfortable clothes** we will be on the road for most of the day

Sunday July 22

Wear **concert attire** for our Homecoming Worship services

Money Needs:

Souvenirs Suggested amount: \$50-\$150

- College bookstores (We will be staying at four Universities.) T-shirts run \$10-\$20
- Colorado Rockies Game (Similar pricing as Rangers Ballpark)
- Noah's Ark Rafting Company T-shirts run \$10-\$20
- Denver Museum of Natural Science and History
- One scheduled Wal-Mart stop for forgotten items and additional snacks \$10-\$15

There are several optional expenses to be considered. Plan for these options. If you plan to rent rafting attire, You must let Roger know, and pay prior to leaving Arlington. All group attire rentals have to be paid for as a group.

Visiting the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Self guided tours of the museum are free. They also have an I-Max and Planetarium. These are going to be optional expenses for students.	I-Max	\$5.00
	Planetarium	\$3.50
Rafting - The rafting tickets include our meal and the raft trip on the Arkansas River. The river water is cold, though in July it has warmed up a bit. Noah's Ark provides rentable gear at an additional cost. At this time of year, some people don't use any of the gear, but on rainy days at least a splash jacket is suggested.	wetsuits	\$7.00
	poly-pro shirt	\$2.50
	splash jacket	\$5.00
	river booties	\$4.00
Rafting – Photos – paid for individually immediately following the rafting trip.	one image on CD	\$19.95
	two images on CD	\$29.95
	All Pictures per boat on CD	\$39.95
	8x10 print	\$24.95

Meals: We provide \$5 for several meals (fast food stops) while on the road, but you may want to supplement (approximately \$20 total supplemental)

Friday, July 13

May Want to Supplement Lunch

Breakfast - Eat at Home
Lunch -(Fast food – Oklahoma City we give you \$5)
Dinner – Provided – on Campus @ KWU

Saturday, July 14

May Want to Supplement Lunch

Breakfast - Provided on Campus @ KWU
Lunch – (fast food – Colby, KS- we give you \$5)
Dinner - Provided – on Campus @ DU

Sunday, July 15

Breakfast - Provided on Campus @DU
Lunch - Provided on Campus @DU
Dinner - Provided – on Campus @DU

Monday, July 16

May Want to supplement Lunch

Breakfast - Provided on Campus @ DU
Lunch - (Fast food – Denver we give you \$5)
Dinner – Provided – Picnic at Ballgame

Tuesday, July 17

Breakfast - Provided on Campus @ DU
Lunch - Provided on Campus @ DU
Dinner - Provided on Campus @ DU

Wednesday, July 18

Breakfast - Provided on Campus @ DU
Lunch – Provided – Noah's Ark
Dinner - Provided – Noah's Ark

Thursday, July 19

May Want to Supplement Lunch

Breakfast - Provided on Campus @ DU
Lunch - (Fast food – Raton, NM) we give you \$5
Dinner - Provided - On campus @ UNM

Friday, July 20

May Want to supplement Lunch

Breakfast - Provided on Campus @ UNM
Lunch - (Fast food – Clovis, NM) we give you \$5
Dinner – Provided on Campus @ Tech

Saturday, July 21

May Want to supplement Lunch

Breakfast - Provided on Campus @ Tech
Lunch - (Fast food – Abilene) we give you \$5
Dinner – Eat with your family at home

Rules and Information to Help Make the Trip More Enjoyable

- We will have assigned busses for the duration of the trip.
 - No bus hopping can be allowed. We do this so we make sure we don't leave anybody behind accidentally.
 - Every time you board the bus, circle only your number. This also helps us keep from leaving anyone. Failure to do so will place you on bus clean-up.
 - No smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, tobacco chewing, or using illegal drugs! (We have to say this even though there should be no problem.) **IF YOU ARE CAUGHT WITH ANY OF THESE THINGS, YOU WILL BE SENT HOME AT YOUR PARENTS' EXPENSE!**
 - Our bus drivers have a big responsibility in handling the big rigs, so talk to them and let them know that you appreciate their driving us around, but don't do it while they're driving.
 - Make sure you are appreciative and courteous to the sponsors who have taken time off to join us. We couldn't go on a trip like this one without them.
 - Every time we eat in a restaurant with servers, if you are paying, you **must** tip. Standard tip is 15% of your bill. Even if you just buy a soda or a cup of coffee and someone brings it to you, leave a tip.
 - Budget your money wisely. You have already been given an idea of how many meals you must pay for, so make sure you leave yourself with some money to use near the end of the trip.
 - Please do not ask the director or the bus driver how much longer or how much farther. If our time schedules are off, we will announce adjustments.
 - One of the things that wears out a voice quicker than anything is yelling, screaming, and talking too loudly on the bus. The noise level of the engine is already so high that normal talking is sometimes a strain.
 - **DO NOT** order any take out or delivery food from the dorm rooms. This causes problems with security and is not fair to the other members of our group.
 - When we stop for meals on the road, you must go as groups to the restaurants. If the directors say we all will eat at the same place, then we all eat at the same place, **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
 - **Do not bring or purchase any items that may be considered inappropriate. If in doubt ask yourself, "What would Greg and Roger say?"**
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Other Things to Keep in Mind

- Quiet hours will be called on the bus during which people will be able to sleep, read, and play cards (WITHOUT TALKING). On our longest driving days, we will have a morning and afternoon quiet time. This time is often a period of refreshment and renewal. Please respect this time during our trip.
 - If you bring some sort of music device, you **MUST** have headphones at all times so that others around you will not be disturbed.
 - Label your CD player, MP3 Player, CD's or electronic games with your name or initials. It helps us get them back to the right person if they are left on the bus.
 - Our conduct on tour will be the lasting witness we make, not the concert itself. Strangers may not understand nor appreciate our practical jokes and snide remarks. Church members expect Christian young people to respect their church, both in terms of conduct and in the manner in which the facilities are used.
 - Performances demand reverent enthusiasm and disciplined spontaneity. Give your most intense attention; give your finest musicianship. Give Yourself!
 - Please do not discuss performance weaknesses, bad attitudes, or personality conflicts when around other people.
 - Be sure to thank the people at the various places we eat, sing, and sleep. They went to a great deal of trouble for us; so be courteous.
 - Please be prompt! The bus moves according to the times listed in the itinerary unless otherwise changed by the Director.
 - It is important to meet the bus at the time specified to load luggage, board the bus, and make last-minute checks. Because there are several very tight traveling schedules, DO NOT plan to arrive at the bus at departure time.
 - Upon arrival at the various destinations, please remain on the bus until all instructions are made regarding unloading, rooms assigned for dressing, place and time for meals, etc.
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