

July 18 through July 26, 2015

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!!
- 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. NO shorts.
- Belt (if your pants/skirt has belt loops)

Other General Items to Pack

- Testament T-shirt(s)
 - 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

Linens are provided at the dorm.

PACK the following linens:

- Pillow (can be carried on bus)
- Light blanket (can be carried on bus)

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

While cell phones are allowed they should be used only to stay in contact with other members of our group, and for the occasional call home. Chaperones can be contacted in case of emergencies. A list of chaperone phone numbers will be provided. 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

Saturday July 18

Wear **comfortable clothes**, we will be on the road for most of the day. ; We will have free time after checking in at the University. No Concert this evening.

Sunday July 19

Wear **Concert Attire**, we will lead worship at St. Stephens United Methodist Church. Change into **comfortable clothes** for the afternoon around the dorm; Change into your **Testament T-Shirt** and khaki shorts for our Albuquerque Isotopes Picnic and National Anthem.

Monday July 20

Wear **Concert attire** to breakfast, Change into **comfortable clothes** for the free time around the dorm; change back to concert **attire** for two more concerts.

Tuesday July 21

Wear **comfortable clothes you don't mind getting dirty, and closed toe shoes** for our work at the food bank. You may want to pack a clean shirt to change into before we go to lunch and Wal-Mart. Clean up when we check in at the dorm change into **Concert attire** for our evening concert.

Wednesday July 22

Wear **comfortable clothes** to breakfast, then change into **concert attire** for our morning performance. We will be change into **comfortable clothes** when we return to the dorm in the afternoon.

Thursday July 23

We will be rafting today. You will need to wear **NON-COTTON CLOTHING** that you will be getting wet and most likely dirty. **Water sock and or grubby tennis shoes. Pack a dry change of clothes and shoes** to change into after rafting. We will change into **concert attire** for our evening performance before dinner.

Friday July 24

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 25

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

Sunday July 26

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

Money Needs:

Souvenirs Suggested amount: **\$50-\$150**

- College bookstore (We will be staying at Three Universities) T-shirts run \$10-\$20
- Albuquerque Isotopes Game (Similar pricing as Rangers Ballpark)
- Santa Fe Rafting Company T-shirts run \$10-\$20
- Loretto Chapel – assorted stuff \$10-\$30
- One scheduled Wal-Mart stop for forgotten items and additional snacks \$10-\$15

Meals: We provide \$5 for several meals (fast food stops) while on the road, but you may want to supplement (approximately **\$20-\$30 total supplemental**)

Saturday, July 18

May Want to Supplement Lunch

Breakfast – On your own at Home

Lunch – (Fast food – Childress we give you \$5)

Dinner – Provided – Pizza at the dorms

Wednesday, July 22

May Want to supplement Lunch

Breakfast - Provided on Campus @ SJC

Lunch - (Fast food – Santa Fe we give you \$5)

Dinner - Provided on Campus @ SJC

Sunday, July 19

May Want to Supplement Lunch

Breakfast - Provided on Campus @ UNM

Lunch – (Fast food – Albuquerque we give you \$5)

Dinner - Provided – Picnic at Isotopes game

Thursday, July 23

May Want to supplement Lunch

Breakfast - Provided on Campus @ SJC

Lunch - (Fast food – Santa Fe we give you \$5)

Dinner - Provided on Campus @ SJC

Monday, July 20

Breakfast - Provided on Campus @ UNM

Lunch – Provided New Mexican fare at Sadies on 4th

Dinner - Provided – on Campus @ UNM

Friday, July 24

May Want to Supplement Lunch

Breakfast - Provided on Campus @ SJC

Lunch - (Fast food – Tucumcari we give you \$5)

Dinner - Provided - On campus @ Tech

Tuesday, July 21

May Want to supplement Lunch

Breakfast - Provided on Campus @ UNM

Lunch – (Fast food – Albuquerque we give you \$5)

Dinner - Provided – on Campus @ SJC

Saturday, July 25

May Want to supplement Lunch

Breakfast - Provided on Campus @ Tech

Lunch - (Fast food – Abilene we give you \$5)

Dinner – on your own 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 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) **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 by 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 will wear 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 MP3 Player, 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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