



**Puerto Rico
2014
Parent Meeting**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2014

Forms



- ▶ Know Before You Go
- ▶ Parental Approval & Checklist
- ▶ Medication Consent (if applicable)
- ▶ Permission to administer Ibuprofen / Acetaminophen/Benadryl
- ▶ Copy of Insurance Card(s)
- ▶ Packing List Recommendation

Airline Security

- ▶ Abide by all the TSA posted rules
 - ▶ Updated list of what is allowed and what isn't is listed at:
<http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information>
- ▶ VIDEO 1: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7W-Rje-mKi4>
- ▶ VIDEO 2: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWLIMTBcBE4>

Backpack

- ▶ This will be their personal bag for the airplane. It will be taken out on tour with them everyday.
- ▶ Don't overfill it.
 - ▶ Keep it to essentials/electronics. You will be carrying this all day long.
- ▶ Bring a small wallet, change pouch to keep their money in.
- ▶ Bring a refillable water bottle that is not made of metal.
- ▶ They will be distributed on Friday, March 7th.
 - ▶ Luggage tag, name badge, last minute reminders and an itinerary.

Luggage Tag

- ▶ Fill out completely in ink or permanent marker and attach to their suitcase.
 - ▶ Labels can peel off during the flight
- ▶ Fill out the form “If lost, please return to...” and place it **INSIDE** your luggage

Packing

- ▶ Please turn to recommended packing list at this time
- ▶ Each student may bring one suitcase (carry-on size, if possible) and their backpack.
- ▶ Pack light! Students will be responsible for carrying their bags to their room. Label with their luggage tag.
 - ▶ Try to share supplies with roommates
 - ▶ Blow-dryers, etc.
- ▶ Comfortable shoes!
- ▶ Spending money



Phone Calls

- ▶ Don't expect to hear from them until the end of the day/activity.
- ▶ Try to limit your calls during our activities for the day.
- ▶ Set up a time for them to call you if you'd like.
- ▶ PLEASE call me first with any emergency to best prepare the student in case anything goes on back home during the trip.

Cell Phones



- ▶ **DON'T LET YOUR CELLPHONE BECOME YOUR TRIP!** 😊
- ▶ During the trip, they are intended to be used for emergencies, communicate with their group leader/chaperone and to call home only.
- ▶ I cannot control what they call or text to each other once in their rooms.
 - ▶ **Please have a discussion with them about what is appropriate and what your expectations are.**
- ▶ My cell phone # will be on the reminders sheet in their backpack, should you need it.

Room Checks

- ▶ Teacher chaperones will check rooms upon returning to the hotel.
 - ▶ **At no time may students of the opposite sex be in each others room.**
- ▶ Night time medication will be dispensed if needed.
- ▶ They will have my room number/cellphone # in case a problem arises.
- ▶ Doors will be taped shut.
- ▶ Private security will be on duty in our halls all night.

Transportation

- ▶ Entertainment
 - ▶ Movies/Music must be appropriate
 - ▶ Headphones for anything that makes noise
 - ▶ Student is 100% responsible for these items
- ▶ Snacks that will not make a mess, drinks must have a screw on top.
 - ▶ **NO ENERGY DRINKS!!**
 - **They will not have access to their suitcase until Saturday night.**



Facebook Page

- ▶ Can be created if the majority would like.
- ▶ Used to share pictures only. (Unless student/parent does not want pictures uploaded).
- ▶ Group will stay up until the end of the school year.



Questions?



Email me if you think of something later on.

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