
The Front Range UU Churches Ninth Grade TRIP

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PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS NEWSLETTER COMES WITH TWO SECTIONS. THE FIRST SECTION (THE FIRST TWO PAGES) ARE FOR TRIPPERS, THE SECOND (with PARENTS on top & bottom) IS FOR PARENTS! GET IT RIGHT!! THE PARENTAL UNITS MUST HAVE THE SECOND PART IN THEIR HANDS WHILE WE ARE ON THE ROAD!!!

April 20 to 29 THE 54th 9TH GRADE TRIP!! (YEA)

EQUIPMENT LIST

I am including the equipment list so you can begin tracking down what you need to take down the road.

1. ONE piece of luggage, which we provided at the last retreat. ONE day pack to hold things needed on the bus. DO NOT bring a backpack with frame.
2. A sleeping bag is required. You'll probably want an air mattress or foam pad (as long as it fits in your sleeping

bag cover). We issued the sleeping bag cover at the last retreat.

3. Clothing - All trippers will need clean, neat clothing, (nice looking jeans with no holes are ok). For our time at Hopi, girls need modest dresses or skirts, guys need button front shirts and slacks or good jeans. Sandals, high heels, fancy clothes are not practical. Avoid clothes that are too short, too tight, see through, or have offensive messages on them. Guys, our hosts don't care what color boxers you're wearing, gals our hosts don't want to see cleavage at either end, or to know if yours is an innie or an outie.

4. Include WARM clothing. Coats are required. We are going to Flagstaff, not Phoenix. Northern Arizona is very high and can be cold this time of year. Flagstaff is at 7000 feet in altitude. A water-proof jacket is a good idea. Hiking boots that will double as snow boots are also good.

5. Bring enough clothes for ten days. Laundry facilities are not available. Some sort of plastic bag would help keep your clean clothes from smelling like your dirty ones.

6. Include all necessary toilet articles: towel, wash cloth, (plus a small plastic bag for the wet cloth), soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc.

7. **Don't forget your spill-proof, no-break travel mug. We won't be providing disposable cups, and there's no church to borrow them from.**

8. Chapstick, sunscreen, and a hat to protect your skin from sun. Northern Arizona is higher and drier than even we are used to in Colorado.

9. Cameras are optional. If using a film camera it is wise to purchase film before you leave home because it is hard to find and expensive on the road. There are some places where you can't use your camera.

10. The trip fee covers food, lodging, admissions, etc. You can get along with as little as \$5 to \$10 but take what you want to spend.

11. If you wear contact lenses, bring your regular glasses as well. The wind can play havoc with contacts.

12. **Remember to bring two sack lunches for the first day. Keep junk**

food to a minimum. Lots of wrappers make bus cleanup tough.

13. Do NOT bring electronics!!! DO bring an instrument if desired. Past experience has shown us that no one, ever, who has brought an orchestral instrument (except for flutes and violins), has practiced it on the trip.

OTHER THOUGHTS ON TRIP PREPARATION.

It would probably not be a bad idea to begin to think about reinforcing our collective immune systems. Spending ten days together on a bus does tend to give us a better chance to share things we don't really want to share. We will have hand sanitizer available on the bus, but using Airbourne or Emergen-C to boost immune systems between now and then would likely be a good thing.



DEAR PARENTS

This, our final mailing, is for you instead of your tripper, because this is stuff you will need to have in your hands while we are all on the road. This letter addresses:

- 1) Itinerary and EMERGENCY phones
- 2) Departure and return times

It is MUCH easier for your tripper to reach you by phone than for you to reach them. About all we can do is give you EMERGENCY ONLY numbers, where a message can be taken for eventual delivery to us. We will check as we go. We will be in each place in the evening and overnight following the dates listed. The adults will make their cell phones available to contact parents from Flagstaff. The charter bus company requires me to carry my cell phone, so you can try it in an emergency, 303-579-9868. There are many places that we visit where there is no cell phone service.

OK, trip itinerary and ABSOLUTE EMERGENCY ONLY phone numbers.

- April 20 Durango Church
No phone available
- April 21-22 Hopi Cultural Center
928) 734-2401 During our time at Hopi you can leave a message with Joe or Janice Day at this number: 928-734-2478
- April 23-24 Budget Inn, Flagstaff, AZ
(928) 774-5038
- April 25 Chinle Elementary, Chinle, AZ
928-674-9403 (school hours)
- April 26-27 Tohaali School, Toadlena NM
505-789-3201 (school hours)
- April 28 Durango UU Church
No phone available
- April 29 Snug at home!

FRIDAY, APR 20 DEPARTURE TIMES!!!

1st Universalist – The wheels roll at 8:45 A.M.!!! Please arrive no later than 8:15 AM so we have time to load gear and have our Bus Blessing!

If you arrive as we leave, your tripper will have all their stuff in their lap until Colorado Springs.

We will pick up in Colorado Springs at the Park and Ride just west of the Woodman Road exit at Mark Dabling Blvd. and Corporate Dr. at 10:00.

RETURN: We will be back late on Sunday, April 30. NOTE: We ANTICIPATE our return to Denver between 8:30 PM and 10:00 PM. WE'LL CALL PARENT COORDINATORS FROM COLORADO SPRINGS WITH PREDICTIONS.

We will be chartering an Ace Express Coaches Charter bus. Mitch will drive. That makes the first and last days shorter than before but Saturday is still a L O N G day of travel. Your trippers should bring one giant (or several smaller) lunches, to hold back starvation.

Your trippers know what and what not to bring. They also know we will keep forever any of the forbidden items, including personal electronics and cell phones, that they bring anyway. If any of your personal data have changed since you filled out the medical forms, please let us know. We especially need to know if your tripper has had any adverse emotional turns and especially if s/he is on medication for depression. We also need to know if there are medications that they have been taken off of recently. If you have any information that we need to know before we take your son or daughter on the trip, please contact Mitch at (303) 579-9868.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT US COPIES OF YOUR TRIPPER'S INSURANCE CARD OR IF YOUR INSURANCE CARD HAS CHANGED PLEASE FAX, MAIL OR SCAN AND EMAIL MITCH THOSE COPIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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