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LOVE OTHERS**

NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE 2019 PHOENIX NORTH CENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT

Dear NYC Students, Sponsors, and Parents,

At last, the long awaited NYC packet is here! Enclosed you will find information regarding travel dates and flight times, where we will be staying, schedule for the week, a packing list, safety & security items, and mission projects that our district will be doing at NYC. Some of the info has yet to be finalized. Due to some students no longer able to attend and finding students to fill those spots, we cannot release a final rooming list for everyone, nor which flight you will be on at this time. May 15th is the absolute deadline for any transfer requests, so we hope to be able to release our flight assignments at that time.

We appreciate your patience as we have been sorting through all of the details involved with the trip in the midst of transitions with our leadership team. We hope that this packet will provide you with the information you need to answer most of your questions, but also realize that with 219 people attending NYC from our district, some questions may not be addressed adequately depending on specific situations. If you have additional questions after going through the packet, please direct those to our NYC Coordinator, Pastor Jon Noggle at pj.noggle@bucyrusnazarene.org.

NYC is now 3 months away, and we are getting more excited with each passing day! This event will definitely be a life changing experience for most of our teens and adults, and it is our hope that our teens will become radical followers of Jesus Christ, and that they will impact their homes, churches, schools, and communities for the glory of God! Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we finalize preparations for trip, as well as that God will prepare the hearts and minds of our teens to experience Him in a new and profound way!

God Bless,

Jon

Pastor Jon Noggle
NCO NYC Coordinator



FIRST THINGS FIRST

STATE ISSUED PHOTO ID

Since we are flying to Phoenix, every person going on the trip will need to have a state issued ID in order to fly. For students, if they already have a driver's license or a driver's permit, they are good to go. For those who do not have these, you can purchase one at your local BMV for \$8.50. You do NOT have to purchase a passport! Make sure to check with the BMV to see what documents you need to provide when obtaining a new ID card.

****ID and Flights:** In order to get through security at the airport, your airline ticket MUST match the name that is on their ID. This means that whatever name is on their ID must be submitted to your youth leader so we can make sure that is what is turned in for the flight assignment. This will apply more for those who go by a middle name or a nickname. Please make sure to inform your youth leader immediately of what name needs to be recorded for the flight. If you are part of a church that does not have an adult sponsor going on the trip, please send those directly to the NYC Coordinator. Deadline for turning in names is Tuesday, April 30.

LUGGAGE & CARRY-ON ITEMS

When we arrive in Phoenix, we will be taking the rail system from the airport to our hotel. The closest stop for the rail is about a block from our hotel, so with the limited space on the rails and with the extra walking, we are limiting everyone to **1 Checked Bag** for the trip. Southwest does not charge baggage fees, but if anyone checks a Heavy Bag (over 50 lbs or more), they are responsible for paying the additional charge.

Carry-on bags must be within the dimensions of 18x14x8 inches and must be able to fit in the overhead bin or under the seat. The following items are NOT permitted in a carry-on bag:

- Scissors
 - Razor Blades
 - Knives (including pocket knives & swiss army knives)
 - Aerosol Sprays – hairspray, sunscreen, bug spray, body spray
 - Liquids – must be less than 3.4 oz/100 ml
- *check the TSA website for specific item restrictions

*Food and drinks can be purchased once you get through security, and you can take those items on the plane. So if you want something to drink for the flight, make sure to get it AFTER you get through the security check point.

Each person may also carry on a personal item in addition to their carry-on bag, which is typically a purse, a camera bag, or a laptop bag.



PACKING LIST

*Just in case you're not aware, Phoenix gets really hot in July! Therefore, we encourage everyone to avoid dark colored clothing, as well as heavy clothing. A light jacket may be desired for those who tend to get cold in an air-conditioned arena or hotel room, but please do not wear these outside in the heat!

-Clothing for 7 days

*additional clothing recommend for "just in case" purposes

-Toiletry & Personal Care Items

-Medications

-Swimwear (towels are provided by the hotel)

-Sunscreen

-Sunglasses

-Hats and/or visors are recommended

-Snacks

-Comfortable walking shoes (there will be a good amount of walking for the week)

-Closed-toe shoes for the Grand Canyon trip

-Phone Charger

-Garbage bags for dirty and wet clothes. Recommend separate bags for each.

-Spending money for souvenirs, snacks, and excursions (Grand Canyon, Rawhide)

*You will receive 3 shirts for NYC: 2 from NCO, and 1 from MVNU.

-We will wear one of the NCO shirts on Thursday as we go to Session 1

-We will wear the other NCO shirt on Saturday for our MWO Projects

-We will likely wear the MVNU shirt on Wednesday night for our Field Event

Dress Code: We know that it will be hot in Phoenix, and we want you to do your best to stay cool, but we also need to be modest in our clothing. For those who have been to teen camp, the dress code will be very similar and you'll know what to expect. But for those who haven't, here is the dress code requirements:

Girls: No two-piece, bikini style swimwear. The only permitted two-piece is if the top covers your mid-section. If you only have a bikini, then you must wear a shirt to cover; shorts/skirts must be longer than finger length when arms are down at your side; no spaghetti straps or halter tops; razorback tops may be worn **ONLY** on excursion days (Wednesday during free time, Sunday at the Grand Canyon)

Guys: Shirts must be worn at all times other than swimming; no tight-fitting swimwear; no underwear showing; sleeveless shirts with the sides cut out are not permitted (no rib cage view)

Everyone: No "athletic wear" (gym shorts, sweat pants, tank tops) during our times in the Arena, with the exception of Saturday morning as we will be going to our MWO projects following the morning Session. Everyone needs to wear a t-shirt for the main Sessions, so be mindful of this when you are packing.



FLIGHT PLANS

Due to our group being so large (219), we will be split into 3 groups for flying. Church groups will be together on flights, but until all transfer requests are finalized, we cannot publish a final list yet. However, here are the flight plans that our group has reserved:

FLYING OUT: Departing Tuesday, July 9

Red Group (92): Southwest #2362; departs Cleveland @ 10:00 am (EST), arrives in Phoenix @ 11:15 am (PST)

Green Group (37): Southwest #1658; departs Cleveland @ 3:30 pm (EST), arrives in St. Louis @ 4:00 pm (CST); then SW #682 departs St. Louis @ 5:45 pm (CST), arrives in Phoenix @ 6:55 pm (PST)

Blue Group (90): Southwest #1490; departs Columbus @ 7:50 pm (EST), arrives in Phoenix @ 8:50 pm (PST)

*It is your responsibility to get your teen to the airport. Please check with your youth leader for details about how your group will be getting there. For those who are not coming with a larger group from your church, feel free to contact the NYC Coordinator to see who may be in your area that you could carpool with.

Likewise, it will be your responsibility to pick up your teen at the airport when we return, or for your youth leader to provide transportation back to your local church.

The NCO District is not responsible for getting anyone to or from the Ohio airports on our travel days. This falls on either the local church or the individual.

FLYING HOME: Returning Monday, July 15

Red Group (92): Southwest #1448; departs Phoenix @ 10:05 am (PST), arrives in Cleveland @ 5:00 pm (EST)

Green Group (37): Southwest #263; departs Phoenix @ 11:10 am (PST), arrives at Chicago Midway @ 4:35 pm (CST); then SW #281 departs Chicago Midway @ 6:20 pm (CST), arrives in Cleveland @ 8:25 pm (EST)

Blue Group (90): Southwest #2356; departs Phoenix @ 10:15 am (PST), arrives in Columbus @ 5:10 pm (EST)

***Please take special notice of the time change. Phoenix is 3 hours behind Ohio time, so if you board a plane at 10:00 am in Ohio, it is 7:00 am in Phoenix. A direct flight to Phoenix is a little of 4 hours in the air, but due to the time change, it's only an hour by the time you land. Most will likely feel more of the effect coming home, as they basically lose 3 hours in the air. It's about a 4-hour flight returning home, but 7 hours will have gone off the clock, which means we'll eat breakfast, board a plane, and when we land, it's dinner time! Also, meals are not served on the flights, so make sure to pack some snacks.



HOTEL INFO

We have 59 rooms at the Sheraton Grand Downtown Phoenix. Rooming assignments have yet to be finalized, but we are doing our best to make sure that students from the same church room together, or at least try to have at least one person from their church with them. The vast majority of the rooms will have 4 to a room, with a handful that will have 3. It will be packed pretty tight, so special requests for roommates will be difficult to accommodate. Also, to abide by the NazSafe guidelines and protocols, adults will not be in the student rooms, except for those who either have their son/daughter in the same room, or if the adult can have a bed to themselves.

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 9

Travel Day – Once you know your flight group, make sure to check the time for your flight. We recommend arriving at the airport 2 hours prior to the flight so everyone can get checked in and get through security with plenty of time to use the restroom or grab something to eat or drink before we have to board the plane.

*Since our flight times are so spread out, each individual is responsible for buying their own meals on this day. So for those in the Red Group, make sure you send your teen with enough money to buy 2 meals, Green Group 1 meal, and Blue Group....up to your best judgment!

Wednesday, July 10

Free Time until 6:00 pm

*Relax at the hotel, swim in the pool, do some shopping.

6:00 pm: MVNU Field Event - Rawhide Western Town (Dinner & Entertainment)

Thursday, July 11

8:00 am: Breakfast @ Talking Stick Arena

9:30 am: Session 1 @ Talking Stick Arena: Worship

*Speaker: Amena Brown

11:30 am: Lunch @ the Phoenix Convention Center

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm: The Experience – Convention Center

*Rec Hall before & after The Experience

5:00 pm: Dinner @ the Phoenix Convention Center

7:30 pm: Session 2 @ Talking Stick Arena: Surrender

*Speaker: Stretch Dean

9:30 pm: Concert with Andy Mineo @ Talking Stick Arena

11:30 pm: Return to Hotel

Friday, July 12



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8:00 am: Breakfast @ Talking Stick Arena
9:30 am: Session 3 @ Talking Stick Arena: Serve
*Speaker: Danielle Strickland
11:30 am: Lunch @ the Phoenix Convention Center
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Rec Hall @ the Convention Center
5:00 pm: Dinner @ the Phoenix Convention Center
7:30 pm: Session 4 @ Talking Stick Arena: Church
*Speaker: Justin Skeesuck & Patrick Gray
9:30 pm: Concert @ Talking Stick Arena (artist to be determined)
11:30 pm: Return to Hotel

Saturday, July 13

8:00 am: Breakfast @ Talking Stick Arena
9:30 am: Session 5 @ Talking Stick Arena: Holiness
*Speaker: Shawna Songer Gaines
11:30 am: Lunch
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Ministry With Others Projects @ the Phoenix Convention Center
5:00 pm: Dinner
7:30 pm: Session 6 @ Talking Stick Arena: Call
*Speaker: Gustavo Crocker (General Superintendent)
9:30 pm: Concert with For King & Country @ Talking Stick Arena
11:30 pm: Return to Hotel

Sunday, July 14

8:00 am: Breakfast @ Talking Stick Arena
9:30 am: Session 7 @ Talking Stick Arena: GO
*Speaker: Eric Samuel Timm
11:30 am: Lunch/Travel to Grand Canyon
3:30 pm: Arrive @ Grand Canyon
*Sightseeing, Dinner, Communion
9:00 pm: Watch Sunset, Head back to Hotel
12:30 am: Return to Hotel

Monday, July 15

Travel Home Day: Check your flight group's time for flights. Students will be given meal money for breakfast, but all other meals are on your own!



MINISTRY WITH OTHERS PROJECTS (MWO)

Project #1: The Pack Shack (119 participants)

Those in this group will likely be assisting with food packing, and loading trucks for Convoy of Hope. The food is placed in air tight bags, packed into boxes, then gets shipped all over the world to help feed people in need. This will take place on the 3rd Floor of the Convention Center

Project #2: Real Life (100 participants)

Those in this group will take part in a very interactive simulation. Some will have family roles, some will be in leadership/agency roles, and the simulation will help teens and adults understand the importance of community outreach. This will take place in the Convention Center.

Project #3: Packed With Love

NYC is asking that every participant bring a backpack filled with school supplies with them to Phoenix so these can all be distributed to students in the Phoenix area. This will amount to over 8,100 backpacks filled with school supplies!!! As a district, we are asking the NMI Departments (missions) of each church participating in NYC to help provide the backpacks and supplies so the families do not have to incur additional costs for the trip. Please stay tuned as more details about this particular project will come out soon! In the meantime, if you are able to have a conversation with the NMI Director of your church, here are the list of items that are being requested:

- Backpack, College and Wide-ruled paper, copy paper, spiral-bound note books
- Pens, #2 Pencils, Hand pencil sharpener, pencil box, pack of colored pencils, pack of crayons
- Erasers, Glue sticks, pair of Scissors, dry erase markers
- Tissues, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes
- Ruled and unruled index cards, pocket folders

SAFETY & SECURITY

Any youth trip, regardless of size or location, has its share of concerns when it comes to the safety and security of our group. For our group, we have 184 students and 35 adult sponsors, which give us a ratio of 1 adult per every 5.25 teens, so our sponsor coverage is well within the guidelines for NYC. Also, using common sense and taking extra precautions will also help ensure one's safety on these kinds of trips. Here are some of the things that we will be stressing to the group leading up to and during the trip:

1. Follow the Schedule & BE ON TIME!!!!

-Being where you need to be and when you need to be there is *very important!* Not only is it just a good practice to have, but if your adult leaders don't have to worry about where you are, their blood pressure will stay down!



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2. Keep your phone on and charged

-There will be times during the trip that we will break off into smaller groups, but it is vital for us to be able to get a hold of you at any time, or for you to be able to contact your adult leader. If somebody gets sick or injured during the trip, we need to be able to contact them.

3. Do NOT wander off by yourself!!!

-It doesn't matter if it is daytime or nighttime, do NOT go anywhere by yourself! In a large city like Phoenix, the odds of something bad happening are greatly increased when you are alone. Don't risk it!

4. Travel in Groups.....ALWAYS!!!!

-To follow up on #3, it is always a good practice on these trips to travel in larger groups. As the mass herds are walking to and from the Arena or the Convention Center, you should be pretty safe, as there will be thousands of people walking down the sidewalks together. That doesn't mean to let your guard down, but most people won't try anything if there are many eyes watching. For other times like meals on your own or during free time, we highly recommend that no less than 6 be a part of your group.

5. Nighttime Procedures

-The only time we will be outside after the sun goes down will be when everyone leaves the arena to walk back to their hotel. It is downtown Phoenix, so everything else will be closed, so there will be nothing to stop at while walking back. Once we're in the hotel, you are to stay in the hotel. Our hotel will be only NYC people, which is good, but that doesn't mean you are allowed to leave the hotel with anyone from any church district. When we give the time for you to be in your rooms, you MUST stay in your room until breakfast. No hanging out in the lobby or other people's rooms.

6. Hotel Rooms

-No guys in girls' rooms or girls in guys' rooms. Violation of this will result in severe consequences, even up to being sent home at your expense depending on the situation

-No sneaking out of the rooms after curfew

-Keep the noise down. We realize some of you will stay up late regardless of what the adults say, but remember there are people in the rooms next to you who want to sleep. Be respectful of others

-Any damages done to your room during the trip will be your responsibility to pay, not the NCO District

7. Homeless People

-You will see numerous homeless people during our time in Phoenix. We realize that this becomes an uncomfortable topic for us as believers because we would like to help them, but we also recognize that there are dangers for teenagers when interacting with a homeless person, or someone who may appear to be homeless in order to scam people. So for the protection of the group, the following is our recommendation:



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-Do not give cash. If you feel compelled to give something, think about buying a \$5 gift card (ie McDonald's, Wendy's etc.) before the trip with the intention of giving it away. This way, it will ensure that the person you give it to will be able to get a meal.

-Keep Walking. You don't have to ignore them, but don't get trapped by them. If you do engage them but they don't leave you alone, end the conversation, but be ready to run if need be.

-Pray for them during our personal prayer time.

8. Human Trafficking

-This is another reason why we strongly recommend following the guidelines mentioned above. Phoenix has become a popular target for those involved in human trafficking because it is a large city and not too far from Mexico. Be on guard, watch each other's backs, and report anything suspicious to an adult leader.

CONTACT INFO

If you have any further questions, whether it be about the trip in general, payments, or anything that may not have been mentioned in this packet, please contact the following:

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