

Litchfield Marching Dragons

New York, Niagara Falls, Philadelphia
2019

East Coast Important Items:

1. Bring snacks and beverages with you on the bus, you can restock at bus stops.
2. One suitcase, one carry-on bag and one small cooler. NO large coolers allowed.
3. Identify all your personal belongings-instruments, bags, etc.
4. Don't forget to bring personal hygiene items on the bus; prescription drugs should be labeled, sufficient and up to date. Have a travel bag to freshen up at bus stops; so living with you and me is more tolerable. Bring a towel, the restrooms may run out. If you are sick, contact a chaperone.
5. If you like to swim, bring a swimsuit and towel. Only good behavior in the pool area will be tolerated, others will lose the privilege.
6. The buses are air-conditioned and get chilly. Bring a pillow and blanket on the bus, and wear sweatpants and sweatshirt.
7. Nice looking clothes should be chosen to wear on this trip. NO suggestive T-shirts or T-shirts that advertise or say inappropriate things will be allowed. Be sure your clothes do not have holes in them or look shabby. Parents, please inspect your child's bag BEFORE they leave home with it!
8. Bring cards, games, DVD's and other items to pass time on the long bus ride. Magazines and books must be in good taste. NO SMUT.
9. Movies under R-rated only. The movies will be monitored by the chaperones, which have the authority to forbid any movie. Switch movies with other buses at the rest stops.
10. Only personal music players are allowed, no external speakers.
11. The bus will stop about every 4 hours and generally they will be at spots where you can get something to drink and eat. You will be required to get off the bus and use the restroom and stretch your legs.
12. Load your equipment and gear where Ceasar tells you to. You are responsible for all your own stuff.
13. We will have group meetings throughout the trip that are mandatory. Information will be given out as to leaving times and what you need to bring with you each day. The time and place of the meeting will be announced.
14. Each room will get 2 room keys. Guard and maintain them. If they are lost, you are responsible for any costs in replacing them.

15. Room telephones will be disconnected for any long distance calls. Use your cell, buy a calling card and use a public phone. No pay for view movies will be available.

Additional Information

1. During free time, always be in a group. DO NOT wander off alone. Groups of 4 or more are always required. This is for your safety. We are in BIG cities.
2. With your money, credit cards, cell phones, be careful where you use them, and be sure to insure your personal security at all times. Never leave your money or personal items unattended. Don't lay money or wallets in bathrooms, restaurants or places we attend. Shoulder strap purses are not wise. Belt wallets are great.
3. Boys and girls are not allowed in each other's room.
4. Do not call each other's rooms after curfew. Doing so will result in punishment.
5. Curfew will be given out at group meetings or on the bus as we arrive at our destination.
6. **Any student who uses alcohol, tobacco products of any kind or drugs will be sent home via commercial airline at their expense. ZERO TOLERANCE. Shoplifting, vandalism of any kind, harassment or going outside of your room after bed check will have the same consequence.**
7. Behave in a manner that is positive for yourself, your parents, the Litchfield Band and the community of Litchfield.
8. Do not tell strangers where we are staying; it only causes problems.
9. Refrain from the use of profanity, verbal and non-verbal degrading of others and in general complaining.
10. Slamming of doors, running in the hall, loud talking or loud televisions in rooms will not be tolerated.
11. When we check into the hotel, be sure to tell a chaperone if something is broken or doesn't work in your room. Chaperons will visit your room just after check in to be sure all is OK. The contents of your room belong to the hotel and anything stolen or broken will be at your expense. The chaperone will call hotel management to report any problems.
12. When we arrive at the hotel, get in your room group with your luggage to carry to your room. Only carry luggage & gear that you can personally carry! Leave instruments and uniform equipment for performances on the bus. The first person on the room list will receive the keys for your room.
13. Anyone making plans to visit a relative or friend must have a written permission slip signed by their parents. Instruct the relative to meet you in the lobby of the hotel, and you cannot leave until a chaperone is there to see you off.
14. Secure night locks after bed check.

15. Chaperones will be available until 1am. After that time security guards will be on duty in the hallways.
16. You can order pizza from a pizza shop outside the hotel if you want. Room service at the hotel is very expensive, don't use it.
17. When we checkout, your room must be picked up. Failure to do so will bring you back to your room until the chaperone is satisfied.

EXTRA INFORMATION

1. Figure \$20 a day for expenses. All meals are pre-paid, and are outlined in your itinerary. Some students will want more money on our Fast Food Stops.
2. We will use REMIND Parents code to relay information on the trip and when we expect to arrive back in Litchfield.
3. Be careful how much you buy! You are responsible for getting everything in your existing bags on the way home. No purchase of fireworks is allowed.

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THE TRIP CAN BE A MEMORY OF A LIFETIME. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER. KEEP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE (NO COMPLAINING) AND REFRAIN FROM NEGATIVE COMMENTS. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO PLAN A TRIP THAT WILL PLEASE EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU. WE ARE MOVING A MASS OF PEOPLE. EXPECT TO STAND IN LINE. EAST COAST IS EXTREMELY CROWDED OVER THE 4TH OF JULY. DEAL WITH IT.

EAST COAST TRIP 2019 SIGNATURES

****YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE BUS WITHOUT THIS SIGNED DOCUMENT BEING IN THE HANDS OF OUR DRUM MAJOR, ANNI ROGNESS.****

____ I have read and understand the Itinerary of the 2019 EAST COAST trip and have read the rules and procedures for the duration of the trip and I will follow them.

____ I have received a copy of the contact numbers for emergencies.

____ I have prescription medications labeled and have given medical needs information note to my bus chaperone.

____ I understand the consequences for the following: **any student who uses alcohol or tobacco products or drugs will be sent home via commercial airline at your expense. ZERO TOLERANCE. Shoplifting, vandalism, harassment, or going outside your room after bed check will have the same consequence.**

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____