



**14th Annual
West Coast Educational Excursion
Los Angeles, CA.
Feb. 8th – Feb. 11th, 2024**





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Dear Parents/Guardians & Students,

Thank you for supporting your youth's academic and personal growth by allowing them to attend this trip.

The mission of the WCCE is to expose, empower and educate youth to numerous higher learning educational options and life changing experiences

Please review this packet as a source of important information.

Cost: FREE for all eligible OYLA members. **OYLA Guests-\$200 per person.** *Includes: motor coach transportation, college tours, admission to College Expo and enrichment events, T-Shirts, snacks and meals.*

Tentative Itinerary for Annual West Coast College Expo Feb. 8th – 11th, 2024

Thursday: February 8th, 2024

5:30-6:00am	Leave AZ. (Location TBD). Breakfast on bus. (Jeans-School Tops)
1:00pm (PDT)	Campus Tour or Enrichment Activity & Box Lunch.
5:00pm	Arrive Springhill Suites Hawthorne & check in.
5:30pm	Free Time/Relax
7:30pm	Meal & Free Time
10:30pm	Bed Check
11:00pm	Lights Out.

Friday: February 9th, 2024

7:30am	Breakfast at the hotel
9:30am	Leave for Campus Tour UCLA (OYLA T-Shirts)
10:30am	UCLA
1:00pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Enrichment Event Auto Museum
4:30pm	Back to hotel relax
5:30pm	Guest Speaker
7:00pm	Meal & Free Time
10:30pm	Bed Check
11:00pm	Lights Out

Saturday: February 10th, 2024

7:00am	Breakfast at the hotel
9:00am	Leave for HBCU Expo (White Shirt & Tie) Slacks or Khakis.
9:30am	Practice tying tie on bus.
10:00am	Arrive @ College Expo LA Convention Center
1:00pm	Reassemble for lunch. Location TBD
2:30pm	Back to Expo
5:00pm	Board Bus Heading Home
7:30pm	Meal enroute

Sunday: February 11th, 2024

12:30am (est)	Arrive in Phoenix.
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Itinerary subject to change

Items to bring- Medium duffle bag: Toothbrush, deodorant, light jacket, jeans, khaki pants, OYLA shirts (2), tennis shoes, backpack, electronics (OYLA not responsible), hand sanitizer, lunch & dinner meal & souvenir money, ALSO STUDENT ID (school or state issued) A small pillow & blanket is option for travel

EXPECTATIONS & OVERVIEW

This is a list of travel expectations. We request that you please reinforce and go into detail with your child the information presented.

1. Going ANYWHERE must be approved by ONE of the chaperones. Each student must take at least ONE person with them to ensure safety, protection and for additional eyes.
2. Do NOT provide your hotel, room number or hotel phone information to ANYONE you meet. (Only parents/guardians need to have that information). Students will call back with their room numbers and be accessible via cell phones.
3. No long distance/local calls are to be made from hotel. Personal cell phones will be readily available at ALL times for any phone calls (local/long distance) that need to be made or received.
4. Please keep sounds (talking, laughter, music and playing) to a minimum in respect to the other hotel guests, when in restaurants, and inside buildings.
5. Due to the nature of our tour, it is imperative that ALL students go to bed at a decent time to be fully cognizant, energized and focused for the tour and information that will be presented.
6. If any student is having a conflict, issue or concern with another student or chaperone, please talk to another chaperone to facilitate a meeting for all individuals to discuss and settle the problem.
ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING!
7. When a time has been set to leave the hotel, we expect ALL students to be ready and prepared to go. Plan the night before.
8. When dealing with paying for items at an outdoor vendor, please have your child separate their money into separate pockets within their wallets. This will prevent a vendor increasing their product amount if they see the large amount of cash your child will have. (NEVER PULL OUT ALL OF YOUR MONEY AT ONCE, AND IN FRONT OF PEOPLE).
9. Don't count your money in front of people! We recommend you use a debit card, but always keep some form of cash on you.
10. When meeting a college representatives or official always greet with a firm hand Handshake, good eye contact, and prepared questions you would like answered. Also, pick up brochures for your personal college search file
11. During the tours, your child must listen to the tour guide and presenters without holding sidebar conversations, and be prepared with a pencil and paper for questions, answers and notes. Group reflections will conduct.
12. Although this is a good group of students who are well-behaved, please remind your youth they are representing: YOU, their families, their school, and OUR state! Review your family values.
13. We will take them to a store to purchase snacks for their hotel rooms, however youth will be allowed to bring their own. Light travel snacks will be provided by OYLA.
14. Cell phones, iPods, cameras & video games are permitted to be brought on the trip. However, OYLA is not responsible for any lost/stolen items.

These items will NOT be allowed on campus during the tours and limitedly use during college expo.

15. Ultimately, our goal is to learn about higher educational and the college entrance requirements, but we are going to have FUN!

16. Dress code standards will be enforced. No hats, graphic tees, do- rags, or oversized garments will be permitted. Please wear a belt. Be well groomed (hair)

17. Seniors: please bring copies of your transcripts, a personal statement, and letters of recommendation (4 of each). Some schools at the College Expo will allow you to apply on the spot. BE READY

Failure to comply will result in the participant being possibly removed as a member of OYLA upon return to Phoenix.

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We agree to the above stated ideas and understand that this it is our responsibility to see fit to adhere to all rules & guidelines set by the OYLA advisory team.

Student Name (PRINT): _____

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature



Student Travel Information Sheet

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Shirt size: S M L XL 2XL

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone: (H) _____ Parent Cell: _____

Student Cell: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Numbers (H) _____ (Cell) _____

Insurance Information

Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

Does your child have any special medical conditions that we should be aware of?

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Parent-Information Sheet

HOTEL

Spring Hill Suites Los Angeles LAX/Manhattan Beach

14620 Aviation Boulevard

Hawthorne, CA 90250 US

Phone: 310 727 9595

- ▶ Full hot breakfast served each morning
- ▶ Room details: Mini refrigerator, microwave, cable, wireless internet
- ▶ Security
- ▶ On grounds business Center- computer access

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