



Upper School End-of-the-Year Trip Boston, Here We Come! June 7-11, 2014

A Note from Headmaster Gordon Sichi:

Suzie, Bryan, Hugo, Megan, Paula, Levi, and I are looking forward to accompanying our group of Upper School students on the End-of-the-Year Trip to Boston. Anacapa's previous trips to Boston have been an excellent way to end our U.S. history studies, giving students unparalleled experiential education opportunities and, for many, a first taste of life on the other side of the country. Thanks to each and every one of you for making it happen!

Over the next few weeks, we will be having meetings at lunch, as needed, to talk with students about the trip. I also want to provide parents and students with the following information.

- **Departure and Return**

Students should be on the Anacapa School campus **no later than 2:45 AM** (yes, that's **AM**) on Saturday, June 7, for our 7:05 AM direct flight from LAX to Boston (United flight #1292). We will be traveling to LAX on a chartered bus.

Our return flight (United flight #717) from Boston leaves Logan Airport on Wednesday, June 11 at 5:53 PM and arrives at LAX at 9:04 PM. A chartered bus will pick us up at LAX, and we should arrive at Anacapa at approximately 11:30 PM.

- **Baggage**

Please note that **we are not checking bags!** All of us will be traveling with **carry-on luggage only**, which is subject to the baggage regulations at the following link:

<https://www.united.com/CMS/en-US/travel/Pages/BaggageCarry-On.aspx>

We are allowed one small suitcase (that will fit into the overhead compartment) and a daypack.

Please make sure to measure and weigh every piece of luggage your student is bringing to be sure that the carry-on regulations are met. If your student brings a suitcase or backpack that does not meet the specifications of the carry-on regulations, your student will be responsible for paying for their own baggage check.

- **TSA Requirements**

In keeping with TSA regulations, travelers are allowed to carry liquids, gels, and aerosols in containers measuring 3.4 ounces (100 mL) or less, inside a single quart-size (liter-size) clear, sealable bag. Please be aware of this requirement, as non-compliance could cause a delay during baggage check or the need to dispose of personal items that do not meet the requirements. Please, also note the items that are **prohibited** on planes (as listed in the link below):

<https://www.united.com/web/en-US/content/travel/baggage/dangerous.aspx>

- **Clothing**

School clothes will be appropriate for the places we are visiting. Pack only clothes that are comfortable, easy to wear, and easy to keep clean. **Comfortable walking shoes are a must!** We strongly recommend bringing a **jacket and something to wear in case of rain**. The **weather can be quite variable this time of the year** (from hot and humid to mild and sunny to cool and rainy). Students should also be sure to bring a **swimsuit** in case we go swimming.

- **Other Supplies**

We strongly recommend that students bring a **refillable water bottle**, a **plastic bag** for damp articles, and a book or other **reading material**. Some students may enjoy having a **camera** with them. If you need to send along any **medication**, please follow our usual procedure (see information below under "Medication"). Having an extra pair of glasses or contact lenses might be a good idea. **Toiletries should be packed according to TSA regulations for carry-on luggage** (see previous information).

- **Identification**

Your student will need to have **one** of the following four options for their identification at the airport:

- Driver's License
- Passport
- Student ID
- Copy of Birth Certificate

Before the Boston trip, we want to make copies of every student's form of identification in case of emergency. Please bring the ID or a copy of the ID into the school office by **Monday, June 2**. Please rest assured that original forms of identification will be kept safe by a faculty member during the trip.

- **Medication**

If your student needs any medication (including over-the-counter medicine) while on the trip, please give it to Bekah in the school office by **Monday, June 2**. Be sure to include detailed written instructions as well as possible side effects to be aware of. All medication (not including inhalers) will be held by a faculty member for the duration of the trip and dispensed as needed.

- **Other Medical Information**

If there is a medical issue that the faculty or staff is not aware of, please contact the school office at 965-0228 or email Bekah (bekah@anacapaschool.org) to update your student's health form. **We must have all health forms up-to-date in case of emergency!**

- **Meals and Spending Money**

All meals are included in the cost of the trip. On our first night in Boston, students will be given \$15 for dinner at the Quincy Market Food Court, and there will be times when your student will be given \$10 for lunch. If you think your student needs more than the allotted amount, please send him or her with some extra money. Students may also want to have spending money to purchase souvenirs at some of the tourist destinations we visit.

- **Cell Phones**

Because of the nature of this city trip, cell phones will be permitted. However, students will be on their honor not to use them without permission from a teacher. We would appreciate parents honoring our request not to call or text their students during the trip so that we can keep everyone's focus on the rich variety of activities we have planned and the places we will be visiting.

- **Emergency Contact Information**

Parents who will not be reachable at their usual emergency contact telephone numbers during the trip must **provide the school office with contact information**. If you plan to be out of town while your student is on the school trip, please be SURE to take care of this vital task.

- **Trip Recovery Day**

There will be **no school on Thursday, June 12** so that we can all rest up for the last day of the 2013-2014 school year!

- **LAST School Day: Friday, June 13**

Students should be at school at **9 AM on Friday, June 13**. We'll enjoy yearbook signing and other last-day traditions. At noon, Grades 7-10 will be dismissed, and **the juniors and seniors will go to the Santa Barbara Woman's Club, Rockwood for graduation set-up and rehearsal**. We expect to be finished by 2:30 PM. (These and other details will be included in the June *Notables*.)

I do **hope your family will join us for graduation**. In addition to giving the Class of 2014 a grand send-off, we will enjoy brief **slide shows of the Lower School's trip to Sacramento and the Upper School's trip to Boston**—and, of course, we'll announce **honor rolls, academic achievement awards, and other special awards!** Please don't miss this wonderful evening—a time for the **entire Anacapa School community** to come together to enjoy each other's company and to celebrate all of our students!