

Youth Tour Tips

Security will be very tight in D.C. **A photo I.D. is necessary and must be a REAL ID/Compliant Card. The BMV can issue a photo I.D. even if you don't drive, or if you are under 16.**

Weather in June in Washington D.C. is extremely hot and humid. Our dress code emphasizes safety and comfort while being respectful as we represent our state.

Columbus departure/orientation: Many delegates have found that a small, light blanket and travel pillow come in handy for travel on the bus. Remember, these will have to be carried on the bus with you, so the smaller the blanket and pillow the lighter your load will be and the more room you will have. The bus tends to get chilly on long trips, so if you do not bring a blanket, have a sweatshirt or sweater to carry on board with you when we leave Columbus. If you are listening to music or watching videos on the bus, please use headphones/earbuds.

When you arrive at Ohio's Electric Cooperatives' building, **PLEASE CHECK IN FIRST,(under the bridge)** you will be given a name badge and luggage tags. You will then be directed on where to put your luggage and next steps.

Expenses: All meals, lodging, transportation, and admissions will be paid by your sponsoring Cooperative. You can bring pocket money for snacks, souvenirs, etc. You do not need a large sum of money.

Relative/friend visits: If you have relatives/friends in the Washington D.C. area, you **WILL NOT** be permitted to see them, and you may not leave the group.

Luggage: Due to the large number of people making the trip and the space available for luggage on the bus, we require that you limit your luggage to **ONE SUITCASE. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Hotel hints: The hotel has irons and hair dryers but with two to a room, extra hair dryers may be useful. **DO NOT bring any expensive jewelry or valuable items.** If you wear contacts, bring glasses as a backup and extra contacts if you have them. If you take medication, bring it in the original bottle. If possible, put your name and address on your purse, luggage, and other items you will be carrying or storing at the hotel.