

New York Mission Trip

PURPOSE

As you know, the purpose of this trip is to develop God-loving and others-serving leadership among the seniors at Bob Jones Academy through working together in ministry activities at local churches and through proclaiming Christ in a microcosm of the world in New York City's multicultural setting.

Students who are becoming leaders demonstrate certain characteristics and form certain habits in their lives. You'll find that you'll be stretched in some of these areas during this trip—and that's a good thing; because when we respond to pressure in the right way, we grow.

Planning—and praying—ahead of time is an important way to develop proper responses to pressure. Take some time this week to prayerfully think about these leadership characteristics—love for God and for people, godly speech and behavior, initiative, strong work ethic, and trustworthiness—and plan how you want to respond to challenges.

Here are some areas to get you started:

1. Loving God by intentionally and boldly speaking of Christ to classmates and strangers alike.
2. Loving others by being alert to situations and reaching out to classmates on the bus and before meals, to pastors and church members before and after services, and to strangers on our excursions.
3. Showing discretion at all times.
4. Showing initiative and a great work ethic during music rehearsals, ministry events, church cleaning, and meal preparations.
5. Serving selflessly with contentment by being flexible when plans change, and consistently looking for and meeting needs.

LEAVING BJA: Friday, March 29

Packing list

- <https://www.bobjonesacademy.net/new-york-mission-trip/>
- Include a back-pack you carry onto the bus for overnight needs
- Include any medications you need; for prescriptions of a controlled substance, let a chap know (and of course, do not give it to others)

Load luggage

- Print Shop lot, 7:30–7:55 a.m.
- By team—be sure each item (suitcase, bedding bag, carry-on) has a team ribbon tied to it

Load yourself

- After 3rd hour eat lunch, change clothes
- 11:30 a.m. be at bus to board for the trip

RETURNING TO BJA: Saturday, April 6

- Academy Main, around 3 p.m.

BUS TRIP

Snacks

- Dry snacks (nuts, chips); beverage containers with screw-on caps
- Not: sticky foods, foods that scatter (Skittles, M&M's), other kinds of beverage containers

Time on bus

- Plan for wise use of time—reviewing tracts, reading, getting to know each other better (e.g. playing games, talking)
- Video games: regular school policies apply, except that you may play games rated E10+ or below (see handbook page 15 for additional details)
- Headphones are not permitted on the trip
- Phones: may use for pictures, games, book reader; not for web or social media; may contact family members at specifically designated times, non-family members by special permission only
- Due to insurance regulations, never sit or lie down on the floor (\$25 fine for violator per violation).

HOTEL OVERNIGHTS

- Rooms are pre-assigned
- We won't access our luggage; be sure you have what you need in your backpack that you've carried onto the bus.

WHILE IN NEW YORK

Safety

- Get specific permission before leaving the church; never leave alone.
- Guys, please help keep the girls safe; in a crowded subway this includes taking her by the arm as needed for safety. Regular school expectations for interaction with the opposite gender apply when safety is not a concern.
- Please add church contact information to your phone or wallet.

Cell phones

- Please carry your phone at all times for emergency purposes.
- Great for photos
- Differences in team schedules mean you are not permitted to contact students on other teams during the trip
- Difference in team ministries mean that other cell phone expectations are specific to each team.

Updates about teams

- BJA's Facebook or website will have updates about each group.
- Let your parents know that updates will be posted each day (M–F).

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