CUNY Student Domestic Trip and Travel Guidelines

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1. PURPOSE
The City University of New York encourages its students to participate in off-campus programs that provide valuable learning opportunities. These guidelines are a resource guide to assist in planning and preparing for health and safety issues that may be encountered while traveling.

While the information in these guidelines covers many different areas, the guidelines are not comprehensive and do not cover all circumstances; the guidelines are intended to prompt trip sponsors to be prepared to maintain the health and safety of our students and prepared to assess and mitigate the potential risks they may encounter.

Since responsible and accountable planning and preparation is the bedrock of successful domestic travel and programming, all domestic programs, including domestic trips and programs for student affairs or athletics purposes are required to follow these guidelines.

Prior written approval for all programs must be obtained from the Chief Student Affairs Officer for student organization travel or from the Chief Academic Officer for academic-related (class-related) travel prior to the commitment of any University resources. Trip sponsors and faculty leaders are expected to seek guidance and input from campus-based safety and risk management offices when envisioning and planning the logistics of a trip or travel program.

2. DOMESTIC STUDENT TRIP AND TRAVEL DEFINED
Trips Covered by These Guidelines
The following guidelines for domestic travel are for currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate students participating in sponsored trips. See Section 3 for additional information.

“Domestic travel” is classified as any activity or event leaving CUNY property but within the 50 states of the United States including trips to museums, field trips, athletic events, leadership retreats and conferences.

A “sponsored trip” is any event or activity that takes place off campus with the purpose of extending and supplementing learning opportunities in a way not possible within the usual College setting that is organized, supported, or financed by an office, department, division, or a student organization of the college and that is funded by student activity fees or monies that are in the control of the College, the University, or a University/College-related entity, such as auxiliary enterprise corporations, a college association, or a student services corporation.

Examples of activities and events that fall under these guidelines include Division of Student Affairs-sponsored field trips, club sports trips, the activities of recognized student organizations, college association-funded travel, course-related field trips, and situations in which a student or recognized student organization officially represents the University (e.g., conferences).

Trips Not Covered by These Guidelines
These guidelines do not apply to travel undertaken by students who travel as individuals (by themselves or with other members of the CUNY community) to attend out-of-town athletic/recreational events as a non-participant (except when traveling on behalf of or with the financial support of a recognized student organization), or as individuals who travel out of town to engage in student teaching, internships, practicums, observations, or research.
These guidelines do not apply to day-trips (trips without an overnight stay) within the five boroughs of New York City (Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Staten Island and Queens) that require only the use of public transportation for travel and do not involve high-risk activities.

If a college is uncertain if an event, activity or individual or group travel is covered by these guidelines, please contact the Office of Environmental, Health, Safety and Risk Management at riskmanagement@mail.cuny.edu.

CUNY neither sanctions nor prohibits any non-CUNY sponsored trips and CUNY does not assume any responsibility for them.

Activities outside of the country are beyond the scope of these guidelines and are covered by CUNY’s International Travel Guidelines.

3. TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES
All sponsored trips must meet the following requirements:

a. Purpose. The purpose of the travel must be consistent with the University’s mission and/or organization's mission statement and constitution, which should be on file with the appropriate office.

b. Academic Calendar. Travel must be planned so as not to create an undue interference with academic responsibilities.

c. Prior Approval Required. To ensure that events or activities involving student travel are consistent with the College’s/University's mission and that student safety issues have been addressed, sponsored trips must be approved in advance by the Chief Academic Officer or Chief Student Affairs Officer. To request approval, members of the faculty, staff, or recognized student organization who organize activities covered by these guidelines must submit a completed Off-Campus Student Travel Approval Form to the Chief Student Affairs Officer for student organization travel and to the Chief Academic Officer for academic-related (class-related) travel no later than one (1) month before the scheduled trip. The Off-Campus Student Travel Approval Form will include the name and phone number for the responsible university employee(s) who will be available to the students at all times during the travel and activity (i.e. trip sponsor).

d. Trip Sponsor/Trip Chaperone/Trip Contact Person. All sponsored trips must have a trip sponsor who has overall accountability for development and implementation of the domestic event or activity. The trip sponsor is responsible for handling the logistics of the trip, collecting the required information from the participants, pre-departure orientation delivery, overseeing the health and safety of students, designating a trip chaperone, and conducting follow-up activities.

The trip chaperone is the CUNY faculty or staff member who teaches and/or accompanies the students on the trip and may be different from the trip sponsor. If the
trip sponsor cannot accompany participants on the trip activity/event, then the trip sponsor will designate a trip chaperone to accompany the participants.

If the Chief Academic Officer or Chief Student Affairs Officer determines that no trip chaperone is required for the trip, then the trip sponsor will designate a university employee as the trip contact person who will be available (by phone and/or Email) to the students at all times during the travel and activity (but will not accompany participants on the trip activity/event). The name and phone number for the trip chaperone or trip contact person (as appropriate) must be included in the Off-Campus Student Travel Approval Form.

e. **Contracts.** Faculty/staff members, departments, offices, students, and student organizations may not enter into or sign any contracts related to sponsored trips. The Office of General Counsel must review and approve as to form all contracts, and only designated college and university officials may sign any documents that relate to commitments on behalf of the college/university after such approval as to form has been received. Assuring that agreements contain adequate indemnification and insurance provisions is part of the Office of General Counsel’s review. Furthermore, no commitments related to the trip shall be made until the Chief Academic Officer or Chief Student Affairs Officer has provided written approval for a given trip. Documents that relate to commitments on behalf of the University should be reviewed by the campus Business Office.

f. **24/7 Access.** Trip participants must be provided with 24/7 access to the trip sponsor, the trip chaperone, or the trip contact person before, during, and immediately after the sponsored trip.

g. **Insurance.** CUNY does not currently have a standard of medical insurance coverage for domestic student travel. In evaluating the risks involved in each sponsored trip, the college shall consider whether medical insurance should be sought for the trip to transfer some of those risks to an insurance carrier where appropriate. Since CUNY does not currently mandate health insurance for all students, all trip participants shall be responsible for any medical costs they incur during and/or as a result of the trip. The trip sponsor is responsible for communicating this fact to the trip participants.

h. **Ratio.** All sponsored trips are to be chaperoned by a staff or faculty member, except with the prior approval of the Chief Academic Officer or Chief Student Affairs Officer. The minimum faculty/staff to student ratio is one staff member for every one to twenty (1-20) students over the age of 18 and one faculty/staff member for every one to five (1-5) students under the age of 18.

i. **No Friends or Family.** Except with the explicit prior written permission of the Chief Academic Officer or Chief Student Affairs Officer, friends and family of faculty, staff, and students are not eligible to participate in sponsored trips.

j. **Non-Compliance.** Any sponsored trip taken without all of the following: (i) timely submission to the Chief Academic Officer or Chief Student Affairs Officer of a complete and accurate Off-Campus Student Travel Approval Form, (ii) prior approval
of the Chief Academic Officer or Chief Student Affairs Officer, as evidenced by the sign-off of the Off-Campus Student Travel Approval Form, and (iii) collection of an Off-Campus Activity Participation, Waiver, and Emergency Form from every participant, or (iv) that otherwise violates or fails to meet these guidelines may result in individual and/or organizational discipline as set forth in CUNY Article XV of the CUNY Board of Trustee Bylaws’ and/or applicable collective bargaining agreements.

4. PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A SPONSORED TRIP

Proper planning and preparation are critical to a successful experience for all participants. Trip sponsors shall conduct thorough research about the destination to be visited, local transportation, overnight accommodations (if applicable), and dining options; creation of a detailed itinerary; and clear communication of plans and expectations with participants. Of paramount importance in all aspects of the planning must be the health and safety of all participants. The trip sponsor must complete the following steps:

a. Prepare an Off-Campus Student Travel Approval Form for the trip. This Form must be submitted for approval to the Chief Academic Officer or Chief Student Affairs Officer on campus to approve the trip no later than one (1) month before the scheduled departure. Approval will be confirmed when the Chief Academic Officer or Chief Student Affairs Officer signs the Off-Campus Student Travel Approval Form. Once approved, file the Off-Campus Student Travel Approval Form with the College’s Office of Public Safety as well as the Chief Academic Officer or Chief Student Affairs Officer in the event of an emergency during the trip. The Off-Campus Student Travel Approval Form shall include destination, location of accommodations, departure and anticipated return date and time, mode of transportation, local contact information as well as the cell phone number of the trip sponsor, trip chaperone, or trip contact person, as applicable.

b. After the trip is approved by the Chief Academic Officer or Chief Student Affairs Officer, collect a signed and notarized Off-Campus Activity Participation, Waiver, and Emergency Form from each student no later than two (2) weeks before the trip, activity, or event. By completing this form, all students traveling indicate that they understand and agree to comply with the Henderson Rules of Public Order, acknowledge all risks associated with participation, and release the University from liability. Trip sponsors must collect signed Off-Campus Activity Participation, Waiver, and Emergency Forms from all students participating in the activity or event. Students under the age of 18 participating in an activity or event with no overnight stay are required to have a parent or guardian sign the Off-Campus Activity Participation, Waiver, and Emergency Forms. Students under the age of 18 participating in an activity or event with an overnight stay are required to have a parent or guardian sign the Off-Campus Activity Participation, Waiver, and Emergency Forms in the presence of a notary. Students 18 and older participating in an activity or event (whether it has

1 Available at: http://policy.cuny.edu/toc/btb/Article%20XV/
an overnight stay or not) are not required to have a parent or guardian sign the Off-Campus Activity Participation, Waiver and Emergency Forms. Failure to supply the information required in a timely fashion shall affect the student’s eligibility to participate.

c. Signed copies of the Off-Campus Student Travel Approval Form and the Off-Campus Activity Participation, Waiver, and Emergency Form shall be kept on file by the sponsoring department or organization for six (6) years after the event has ended.

d. Trip sponsors must provide both their respective departments and campus Office of Public Safety a list with the names of all travelers, emergency contact information, contact numbers, and dates of travel prior to departure. Departments are the primary contact during normal business hours, and Public Safety is the primary contact after hours.

e. Identify special requirements or skills required for everyone’s participation on the trip for any specific activities to be undertaken. Discuss candidly participants’ physical abilities and the inherent risks of the proposed activities. The University expressly prohibits trips involving high risk activities such as bungee jumping, whitewater rafting, or technical mountain climbing that can put participants in danger, and no one is authorized to approve of such trips as sponsored trips. Trip sponsors are required to scrutinize proposed activities or events involving water (such as swimming or water sports), animals (such as horseback riding or farm animals) or vehicles (such as bicycle riding or scooters) regarding the relevance of those activities to the trip’s purpose and are required to provide justification for having them.

f. Check the weather forecast for the location that you are traveling to and remind all participants to pack appropriately.

g. Give consideration to the lodging and overnight accommodations for the trip, such as hotels and the residence halls/dormitories of universities. The accommodation must be safe and secure. It is recommended that all lodging be vetted through personal site visits by the trip sponsor, if possible. If the trip sponsor or staff has not previously used or seen the accommodation, he/she should obtain full descriptions and multiple pictures and/or videos and thoroughly check reviews and references (including making inquiries regarding the experience of other colleges and universities) during the planning phase. The following questions should be considered when planning safe housing arrangements: Will students be able to get out quickly in case of fire? Are there smoke alarms present? If the program takes place in a region prone to earthquakes, are the structures built to withstand them? Is there appropriate security present? Will students have adequate quiet places to study?²

h. Identify any potential hazards related to the trip such as excessive heat, insect-borne diseases, wild animals in the area, hazardous plants or terrain in the vicinity, etc.

i. Identify local resources for emergencies such as medical care or other local contacts as necessary. Anticipate and plan for emergencies such as theft, illness, vehicle breakdowns, accidents, inclement weather, vandalism, missing persons, etc.

5. PRE-TRIP COMMUNICATIONS
The trip sponsor shall communicate with all trip participants via a pre-trip meeting, email, or other written means the planned itinerary, behavioral expectations (see section 7), transportation, and accommodation details so that all trip participants are aware of what they can expect. Trip sponsors are to review with trip participants the following, as applicable:

a. Remind all students to carry any personal medications that they require, health insurance cards and emergency contact information at all times. Remind participants to be mindful of any prescription drug or over-the-counter medication program they take, and plan with their medical provider to ensure an adequate supply for the duration of the trip.

b. Ask trip participants to voluntarily disclose any disabilities, problems, or health issues that may need to be accommodated during the trip. For programs requiring an application process, the medical and health disclosure should take place only after the participant gains acceptance to the program. Sensitive information may be collected and maintained in a sealed envelope to ensure privacy and confidentiality with disclosure to the trip sponsor or trip chaperone or his/her designee only if necessary. For example, the program will be better able to serve the needs of participants who disclose that they are asthmatic, diabetic, or experience particular drug and food allergies prior to departure.

c. Remind trip participants that traveling can cause psychological stress, especially as the participants’ daily routine is likely to change. Trip sponsors should inform participants about sleeping adjustments, change of diet, possible lack of exercise, homesickness, loneliness, and cultural differences. When participants are placed in dorms or hotels with roommates, the adjustment to sharing close quarters may be significant. Trip sponsors should encourage participants to find a constructive outlet to understand and work through any possible uneasy feelings or frustrations.

d. Advise trip participants that food and water-borne illness is a common ailment for travelers and that careful attention to food and drink can prevent sickness. Often, diarrhea results from ingesting food or drinks that contain contaminated particles. Advise student participants if the water supply at the location is potable and if water needs to be treated before drinking it or using it for teeth-brushing. Remind trip participants that food prepared without proper hand washing and food that is sitting out and exposed to flies and bacteria or unrefrigerated for a period of time may become contaminated.

e. Remind student participants to take the necessary precautions during times of extreme temperatures or weather conditions. For instance, when it is hot, participants should stay hydrated and wear light and light-colored clothing and use sunscreen if there is a lot of sun exposure.
f. Remind trip participants to be vigilant of their surroundings. For example, while on the trip, trip participants should continue to use their safety skills from living in New York City: not travelling or going out alone, being careful at night, etc. Provide trip participants with information about safe and unsafe neighborhoods in and around the destination site(s).

g. Advise trip participants that valuables either should not be brought along on the trip or should be secured at all times; discourage participants from bringing large amounts of cash and remind them to secure wallets and purses to avoid pick pocketing.

6. METHODS OF TRANSPORTATION
When traveling, all trip sponsors shall observe the following transportation guidelines:

a. Utilize commercial transportation whenever possible (e.g., Amtrak, Greyhound, etc.).

b. Verify that sufficient insurance is carried whenever a bus charter is being used. The bus company must carry minimum liability coverage of $1 million per occurrence and $5 million per aggregate or combined single limit of $5 million and date and identify the College, the University, the City of New York, the State of New York, and all affiliated corporate entities involved in the trip as additional insureds. The trip sponsor must receive evidence of such coverage from the bus charter company five (5) business days before the departure date.

c. Consult the University’s Fleet Management Policy for appropriate requirements if college vehicles are being utilized. Be reminded that only University or affiliated entity employees who meet the minimum requirements defined by the Fleet Management Policy are permitted to operate University-owned vehicles.

d. Rented vehicles may be utilized for sponsored trips only with the prior approval of the appropriate college official; only those employees that meet the minimum requirements under the Fleet Management Policy may drive rented vehicles.

e. Trip sponsors must remind all trip participants choosing to ride in a private automobile that they do so voluntarily and at their own risk. The University does not insure or accept liability for any damage, loss, or injury resulting from the use of or riding in a private vehicle.

7. STUDENT BEHAVIOR
Trip sponsors shall inform students that they are asked to abide by the following behavioral expectations:

a. Students are representatives of CUNY whenever they participate in a sponsored trip or an off-campus activity that is funded or sponsored fully or in part by the University or one of the Colleges. As such, the students’ behavior at off-campus activities is reflective of their College/University, and, therefore, students are expected to conduct themselves appropriately.
b. All trip participants are required to: (a) comply with the standards set forth in the Henderson Rules of Public Order\(^3\) and with applicable University policies, procedures, rules and regulations; and (b) conform their conduct to the standards and cultural norms surrounding the trip and assume responsibility for their own actions. Trip participants need to be aware and understand that the circumstances of an off-campus activity may require a standard of decorum that may differ from that applicable on campus or at home, and be aware that compliance is important to the success of the trip and to the University's willingness to permit future similar activities. Violations of the foregoing requirements may subject participants and sponsoring organizations to disciplinary action pursuant to Article XV of the CUNY Board of Trustee Bylaws.\(^4\)

c. Participants in activities involving student travel are responsible for their own behavior and any resulting consequences. The College/University shall not be liable for any loss, damage, injury, or other consequence resulting from a participant's failure to comply with university rules and regulations, the direction of college/university employees, or applicable laws.

d. All trip participants are reminded that sponsored trips are a “CUNY-sponsored activity” and that the CUNY Drug and Alcohol policy states: "The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of drugs or alcohol by anyone, on CUNY property (including CUNY residence halls), in CUNY buses or vans, or at CUNY-sponsored activities, is prohibited" [http://web.cuny.edu/administration/ohrm/cohr/DrugandAlcoholPolicy.pdf]. Drug and alcohol abuse and misuse will not be tolerated on sponsored trips. Violation of CUNY regulations or policies may result in immediate dismissal from the trip and academic and/or disciplinary action upon return to campus.

e. CUNY is committed to maintaining an employment and academic environment free from all forms of exploitation, intimidation, or harassment, including sexual harassment. CUNY does not tolerate sexual harassment; it is demeaning, offensive, illegal, and prohibited by University policy. For more information on the University’s Sexual Harassment Policy, please visit [http://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/ohrm/pdlm/programs/sexual-harass-prevent.html].

f. Trip participants should review Section 5: Pre-Trip Communications and familiarize themselves with the personal safety tips therein.

8. TRIP CHAPERONE EXPECTATIONS
Trip chaperones have many responsibilities before, during, and after the sponsored trip while at CUNY, while en route, and while at the destination of the sponsored trip. The trip chaperones shall:

\(^3\) The Henderson Rules of Public Order. [http://portal.cuny.edu/cms/id/cuny/documents/level_3_page/003442.htm]

\(^4\) CUNY Board of Trustee By Laws, Article XV, [http://policy.cuny.edu/text/toc/btb/]
a. exchange emergency contact information (phone numbers and email addresses) with trip participants;

b. be available and on-call at all times (24/7) during the sponsored trip to respond to trip participant concerns and problems as needed;

c. possess a full set of student participant information forms and emergency contact information at all times (24/7) during the sponsored trip and leave copies of said forms and sheets with a designee at the CUNY institution;

d. serve as the official university representative in cases of emergency;

e. coordinate emergency response and all communications between and among the college, the university, and the relevant persons and organizations on-site;

f. notify authorities at the local site immediately in the event that one or more trip participants cannot be accounted for or is missing;

g. ensure students receive medical attention by trained professionals in case of a medical emergency;[^5]

h. be familiar with and follow all existing University policy and guidelines, including those on sexual harassment and confidentiality; and

i. conduct all appropriate follow-up activities, such as completing an incident report.

If no trip chaperone is required for the activity or event and the trip sponsor will not be accompanying the participants, then the trip sponsor will designate a trip contact person who will be available to the students at all times during the travel and activity. The name and phone number for the trip contact person must be included on the Off-Campus Student Travel Approval Form.

9. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR TRIP SPONSORS AND CHAPERONES

As applicable, trip sponsors and trip chaperones shall:

a. develop a plan to anticipate potential unexpected events. Be prepared to contact (have contact information on person) and notify the appropriate campus service providers to timely address and handle university response;

b. contact local police or law enforcement to report theft, vandalism, or any other criminal activity;

c. contact the local emergency medical provider for medical emergencies;

[^5]: NAFSA’s Guide to Education Abroad For Advisers and Administrators says, “Unless program directors and local staff are fully trained and certified in advanced first aid or licensed medical specialists, they should not provide medical services during a program except under the gravest and most critical emergency circumstances. All participation agreements should include language allowing program staff to apply first aid as a last resort before the arrival of emergency medical personnel.” NAFSA: Association of International Educators, NAFSA’s Guide to Education Abroad For Advisers and Administrators. Washington, DC, 2005, p. 578.
d. contact the Chief Academic Officer, the Chief Student Affairs Officer, or the Office of Public Safety for emergencies;

e. complete any accident or incident reports within 24 hours;

f. report all injuries or illnesses to the Chief Academic Officer or Chief Student Affairs Officer, as appropriate. In the event that a participant is severely injured, requires hospitalization or experiences another event that requires a substantive change to the itinerary, contact the Chief Academic Officer or the Chief Student Affairs Officer to determine the best course of action. Trip chaperones must not leave a hospitalized student behind without program assistance.

g. report vehicle accidents to local police or law enforcement departments and to the appropriate campus officials;

h. be prepared to contact appropriate service providers;

i. notify authorities at the site in the event that one or more students are missing or cannot be accounted for at the destination site. If, following an immediate search, the student(s) cannot be located, the trip sponsor/chaperone shall contact local police and a senior college administrator and shall make every effort to reach the student’s emergency contact. A trip sponsor/chaperone should remain at the site until all students are accounted for. The trip sponsor/chaperone in consultation with college officials shall determine whether other students should leave the site. Emergency contacts should be notified and kept updated as to the status of the search for the missing student(s).
OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT TRAVEL APPROVAL FORM

The Off-Campus Student Travel Approval Form must be completed by the Trip Sponsor and submitted to the Chief Student Affairs Officer for student organization travel or to the Chief Academic Officer for academic (class) related travel a minimum of one (1) month prior to travel. All organized travel is expected to follow the CUNY Student Domestic Trip and Travel Guidelines. These Guidelines can be found at __________________________. This Form must be approved by the Chief Student Affairs Officer or the Chief Academic Officer in order for travel to commence.

To Be Completed by the Trip Sponsor.

Type of Trip:  ❑ Academic Field Trip  ❑ Student Organization Travel  ❑ Other: ______________________

If the trip is Academic, identify the Course and Section: _______________________________________

Trip Sponsor Name: ______________________________ Status (circle one): Faculty  Staff  Student (please print legibly)

Title of Trip Sponsor: ___________________________________________________________________

Name of College: ______________________________

Are you a club officer?  ❑ Yes  ❑ No  If yes, which office: ________________________________

Cell Phone:  (               ) _______________________________________________________

Alternative Phone:  (               ) _______________________________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________ (most frequently checked email address)

Will the trip sponsor be accompanying participants on the Travel/Event/Activity?:  ❑ Yes  ❑ No

(If you responded “No”, please fill out the next page to provide the contact information for the Trip Chaperone or Trip Contact Person.)
All college sponsored/affiliated trips are required to be accompanied by a trip chaperone as outlined in the Domestic Trip and Travel Guidelines unless otherwise exempted. If the chaperone is different from the trip sponsor, please complete the following information. If you have more than one chaperone, please attach an additional page with complete information. If there is no chaperone, provide the information for the trip contact person.

Trip Chaperone/Trip Contact Person (circle one):

____________________________________________________________________
(Please print legibly)

Title of Trip Chaperone/Trip Contact Person: ______________________________________________________

Name of College: _____________________________________________________________________

Are you a club officer?  □ Yes □ No  If yes, which office: ________________________________

Cell Phone: ( ) ________________________________________________________________

Alternative Phone: ( ) __________________________________________________________

Email: _______________________________________________________________________
(least frequently checked email address)

Approval (Signatures Required)

By signing, I certify I have read the Domestic Trip and Travel Guidelines and agree that the proposed activity satisfies all requirements.

Name of Trip Sponsor

_________________________________________  __________________________
Signature of Trip Sponsor  Date

The attached Off-Campus Student Travel Approval Form is hereby approved by the Chief Academic Officer or Chief Student Affairs Officer.

Name of Chief Academic Officer or Chief Student Affairs Officer

_________________________________________  __________________________
Signature of Chief Academic Officer or Chief Student Affairs Officer  Date
Destination of Travel/Event/Activity:

____________________________________________________________________________________

Description of Travel/Event/Activity:

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Purpose of Travel:  

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Number of Students:  

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Dates of Travel:

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Transportation (Check all that apply):

- Personal Vehicle  
- Car Rental  
- Train  
- Plane  
- University Vehicle  
- Contracted Bus Service  
- Other _______________________________

Transportation Details (Please Provide Relevant Details):

Driver’s Name:__________________________

DMV Number of Driver:   ______________  Rental Service:__________________________

Name of Bus/Train/Airline Co.:__________________________  Flight/Train Number(s):_____________

Will the travel require overnight lodging?  

- Yes  
- No  

(If yes, please complete the next section.)

Name of Accommodation: ______________________________________________________________

Type of Accommodation:

- Hotel  
- Hostel  
- College Residence Hall  
- Retreat Center  
- Personal Home  
- Conference Center  
- Other _______________________________

Phone:   (               )  _______________________________________________________

Address:

____________________________________________________________________________________

City:____________________________  State: ______  Zip: ______________

* Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Please attach a complete trip itinerary and any other relevant attachments.
Off-Campus Activity Participation, Waiver, and Emergency Contact Form  
(Domestic Travel)

PART A - To be completed by the Trip Sponsor and then distributed for completion by participating students

**Description of Activity**

[College (“College”) of The City University of New York believes that participation in organized, off-campus activities by its students can be an important part of a student's learning experience. Off-campus activities may, however, involve certain risks, both to the participating students and to the College/University. In order to participate, each student must read carefully, complete, and sign this Off-Campus Travel Participation, Waiver, and Emergency Contact Form and submit it to the Trip Sponsor prior to the Activity.]

- Description of Activity: 
- Destination of Activity: 
- Date(s) of Activity: 
- Name of Trip Sponsor: 
- Affiliation of Trip Sponsor to College/University: 
- Name of Trip Chaperone: 
- Contact Telephone Number on Date(s) of Activity: 

PART B - To be completed and signed by the participating student and, if under 18, his/her parent or legal guardian

**Participation, Waiver and Release, and Emergency Contact Information**

I wish to participate in the Activity, and in consideration for being permitted to participate in the Activity, I hereby represent and agree as follows:

- I understand that participation in the Activity involves risks and hazards not found in study at the College, including risks involved in traveling, and I have sought and obtained information and advice that I feel are necessary and appropriate. I am fully aware of and voluntarily assume the risks and hazards connected with participating, and I hereby voluntarily elect to participate in the Activity. I acknowledge, accept, and assume all such risks, whether or not foreseeable and whether or not caused by the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of others.

- Knowing these risks and hazards, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in the Activity, I agree, on behalf of my family, heirs, and personal representative(s), to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation in the Activity. I understand that, although the University has made every reasonable effort to assure my safety while participating in the Activity, there are unavoidable risks, and I hereby release and promise not to sue the City of New York, the State of New York, the College, the University, and the officers, employees, agents, or representatives of any and all of them (“Released Parties”) for any damages or injury (including death) caused by, deriving from, or associated with my participation in the Activity, except for such damages or injury as may be caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the officers, employees, agents, or representatives of any of them. It is my express intent that this Release bind my heirs, assigns, and personal representatives.
I represent that my agreement to the provisions herein is wholly voluntary, and further understand
that, prior to signing this Release, I have the right to consult with the adviser, counselor, or
attorney of my choice.

I will become informed of and conform my conduct to the standards surrounding the Activity and
assume responsibility for my actions, understanding that the circumstances of an Activity may
require a standard of behavior that may differ from that applicable on campus. I will comply with
the University’s rules, standards, and instructions, for student behavior, including the College’s
Code of Student Conduct and the Henderson Rules of Public Order. I acknowledge and
understand that my compliance is important to the success of the Activity and to the
University’s/College’s willingness to permit future similar activities. I waive and release all claims
against the University that arise at a time when I am not under the direct supervision of the
University or that are caused by my failure to remain under such supervision or to comply with
such rules, standards and instructions.

I agree that the University has the right to enforce the standards and conduct described herein, in
its sole judgment, and that it may impose restrictions, up to and including removal and termination
from the Activity, for violating these standards or for any behavior detrimental to or incompatible
with the interest, harmony and welfare of the College, the University, the Activity or other
participants. If I am terminated from the Activity, I consent to going home at my own expense with
no refund of fees.

I have no health-related reasons or problems that preclude or restrict my participation in the
Activity. I have or will obtain and maintain health, accident, disability, hospitalization, and travel
insurance as I deem necessary to participate in the Activity, and I will be responsible for the costs
of such insurance and for any expenses not covered by insurance.

I have disclosed to the College any physical, mental, and emotional conditions or problems,
permanent or temporary, including special dietary and medication needs, or the need for visual or
auditory aids that might impair my ability to participate in the Activity, and I hereby release the
University and its trustees, officers, employees, agents, and representatives from any and all
claims, demands, injuries, damages, losses, actions, causes of action, or expenses whatsoever
arising out of my failure to disclose such conditions or problems.

The University may, but is not obligated to, take any actions regarding my health and safety that it
considers to be warranted under the circumstances. I hereby authorize the University to make
such decisions as may be necessary if it is unable to reach the Emergency Contact Person
named above. I agree to pay all expenses relating thereto and release the University from any
liability for any such actions.

I will assume full financial responsibility for all costs and expenses incurred by me in connection
with the Activity, including, without limitation, financial responsibility for damage or destruction to
property of third parties.

I will not hold myself out as having the power or authority to bind or create liability for the College
or the University.

I agree that should any provision or aspect of this Participation, Waiver, and Emergency Contact
Form be found to be unenforceable, that all remaining provisions will remain in full force and
effect.

This waiver and release represents my complete understanding with the College and the
University concerning their responsibility and liability for my participation in the Activity. It
supersedes any previous or contemporaneous understandings I may have had with the College
or the University on this subject, whether written or oral, and cannot be changed or amended in
any way without my written concurrence.
• I am printing my contact information below:
  Name of Participant: CUNY ID:
  Local Address:
  City: State: Zip:
  Cell Phone: Email address:

• I am printing my emergency contact information below:
  In case of emergency, notify:
  Name:
  Relationship:
  Phone numbers: day evening

• Check one:
  ___ I am at least eighteen years old.
  ___ I am not yet eighteen years old, so I have secured the signature of my parent or guardian (see next page) as well as my own.

I wish to participate in the Activity, I have read and completed this Off-Campus Activity Participation, Waiver, and Emergency Contact Form carefully, and I am signing it voluntarily.

Date: Signature: ________________________________

If participating student completing and signing this form is under the age of 18, then the following pages must be completed and signed by the student's parent or legal guardian.
IF STUDENT IS UNDER THE AGE OF 18, THEN THE STUDENT’S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING:

1. I am the parent or legal guardian of the student named above who signed above.
2. I give my permission for my child to take part in the Activity described on the first page of this form with the understanding that there are potential risks associated with the Activity.
3. I understand that the student is expected to behave responsibly and to follow the University’s discipline code and policies.
4. I agree that in the event of an emergency injury or illness, the staff member(s) in charge of the Activity may act on my behalf and at my expense in obtaining medical treatment for the student.
5. I have read this Off-Campus Travel Participation, Waiver, and Emergency Contact Form, and I confirm that the information provided by the student is accurate and complete.
6. I am and will be legally responsible for the obligations and acts of the student as described in this form, (including such parts as may subject me to personal financial responsibility),
7. I agree, for myself and for the student, to be bound by its terms.

_______________________________________
Print First and Last Name of Parent or Guardian  Signature of Parent or Guardian

If student is under the age of 18 and the Activity includes overnight stay(s), then the parent or guardian’s signature must be notarized.

STATE OF ______________________________________)  ss.:  
COUNTY OF ______________________________________)

On the .......... day of __________________________ in the year ______________ before me, the undersigned, personally appeared ______________________________, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that s/he executed the same in her/his capacity, and that by her/his signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

___________________________________________________________
Notary Public