

Travel Information for OB EAST 2019

The cost of airline travel is **not** included in the \$2325 OB support total. However, you can include this cost in your fund-raising efforts. Monies received here at CE National above your \$2325 total can be reimbursed to you for travel - further information regarding this and how it works is found in the OB Finance and Support Money Policy posted on the website under resources.

Students will need to make their own flight arrangements – the OB office will not be making flight arrangements for students. We can offer suggestions but booking will need to be done by students and their families.

STARTING OB EAST—Dates, Orientation, Travel

Check in for OB East is from 12:30 – 1:30 pm on Saturday, June 15 at the Urban Hope Training Center – EAST (210 E Tioga St, Philadelphia, PA 19134). Each student will individually check in, turn in any overdue paperwork or monies, and unload their luggage at the orientation housing location. Orientation training will then begin promptly at 2:00 pm. There will be a parent meeting at 2:00 pm for any parents who are bringing their student to orientation. If there are any special circumstances that prevent you from arriving on June 15, these will need to be discussed with Sherilyn Rank, the Coordinator of Operation Barnabas.

- Driving to Orientation Location:

For those driving in, please plan to arrive at the orientation location between 12:15 – 1:15 pm on Saturday, June 15.

- Flying to Orientation Location:

Some will need to fly to orientation and this may be the first time you are flying! We will be using the Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) for our flights to orientation.

We are recommending that all of our west coast students flying to orientation make your flight arrangements such that you target to land in Philadelphia sometime during the window of 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm on Friday, June 14. This will allow our west coast flyers the chance to do a red-eye on Thursday night and arrive in time on Friday to get checked in, settled, and rested, and then be on-time for our Saturday start time.

Any students from the Midwest or South (in the same time zone as Philadelphia) should plan on flying in on Saturday morning, no later than 12:00 pm.

As you compare airline prices, keep in mind that many airlines now charge for checked bags and some even charge for carry-on luggage. Southwest airline is one of the only airlines that allows two free checked bags, a nice feature for bringing luggage to OB.

You will be picked up at the airport by OB staff/alumni and brought to the Urban Hope Training Center orientation location. Close to the time of orientation, we will be able to give you more details about your airport pick up and what to expect when you arrive at the airport. By the end of February, we will be emailing out separately a listing of who has currently been accepted for Operation Barnabas East with their contact information so that if you would like to carpool or coordinate rides to the airport and/or flight arrangements, you can do so.

ENDING OB EAST—Dates, Debriefing, Travel

- Driving Home After OB

We will be ending the Operation Barnabas East tour on Monday, July 8, in York, Pennsylvania. For students whose parents will be picking them up in York, you may do so on **Monday morning, July 8**, at the Connection Christian Church (2901 Pleasant Valley Rd, York, PA 17402) between 8:00 – 9:00 am

- Flying Home After OB

If you are flying home, your flight arrangements should also be made out of Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), leaving any time after 10:00 am on Monday, July 8. (flights in the morning are probably preferable if a long wait at the airport is not desired – there will be one drop off time at the airport Monday morning in time for the first student flying after 10:00 am

**Once you are certain as to your travel arrangements,
you can send in the Travel Plans Response Sheet, due no later than May 22.**