



LCMS YOUTH GATHERING PACKING LIST

In suitcase: *(Remember, bring only as much luggage as you can carry one block on your own.)*

- Appropriate casual clothes for 6 days of summer weather (wet or dry)
- Shorts/pants/skirts
- T-shirts/tank tops
- Underwear
- Socks
- Belt
- Pajamas
- Comfortable shoes for LOTS of walking (2 pairs would be good in case one gets wet)
- Flip flops for around hotel
- Congregation or District Gathering T-shirt (if applicable)
- Light jacket/sweatshirt
- Small umbrella
- Appropriate swimsuit (*tank top to wear over if not appropriate*)
- Plastic bag for packing wet clothes and dirty laundry
- Sunglasses and sunscreen
- Comfortable clothes for trip home

Bathroom supplies:

- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Soap/body wash
- Supplies for contacts/glasses
- Comb/brush
- Shaving cream/razor
- Feminine products
- Over-the-counter meds

On Bus or In Backpack:

- Pillow/light blanket
- Book
- Headphones
- Any prescription medications you need (*Let Adult Leaders know and include details in your medical release form*)
- Hand sanitizer
- Band-Aids
- Chapstick
- Kleenex
- Cell phone charger & power pack
- Spending money
- Snacks

Important:

Wristbands are given to you at the beginning of the Gathering. This is your ticket into all Gathering events. They are not replaceable—if you lose it you are no longer able to attend the events. NO ONE is allowed into any of the Gathering areas without one. This is for the safety of all participants.

Traveling Tips:

- Everyone will need to have a photo ID card on him or her at all times. All medical forms also need to be on your body at all times—great to keep in front pocket of Gathering backpack. A designate adult leader should also carry copies of each group member’s medical forms.
- Just because it is raining does not mean the Gathering activities stop, so be prepared for a change due to weather.
- All buildings in the convention center are air conditioned. Bring a sweatshirt to wear inside.
- Clearly label your luggage with your full name, Church name, and location.
- Try rolling your clothes when packing; they are easier to find and won’t wrinkle as much.
- Tip the maid service (\$3-4 each day, more if you are messy)
- Waiters and waitresses should be tipped minimum of 15%. You should have plenty of food money!
- Bottled water in the rooms is NOT free.
- Remember the hotel will be filled with non-Gathering guests. Please make sure you are on your best behavior. Remember we have opportunity to show Christ as well as share Christ.
- Minneapolis and Saint Paul are very busy cities, so please observe crosswalks. DO NOT cross the street randomly. Local police will enforce this rule.
- Be familiar with your surroundings and be aware of strangers. This is true of the skyway also.
- You’ll be walking a lot and temperatures may get hot, so drink enough water. Make wise choices for meals—not just large soda and fries!
- Program your adult leader’s cell phone numbers into your phone.
- Prepaid credit/debit cards are a good way to carry money. (It is not suggested that all money be carried in this fashion!)
- Use the Gathering backpacks provided when traveling to and from the convention center.
- It is strongly encouraged to keep gaming devices at HOME! You will not have the time to play them during the day and you will need your sleep at night also you would not want them lost, stolen, or broken.

Helpful Items to Pack as a Group:

- First aid kit with basic care items
- Sunscreen
- Hand sanitizer
- Emergency debit cards/gift cards
- Portable chargers
- Large sign (poster board size) or other appropriate item to assist your group in locating your leader in the crowd