

## **CHECK IN**

California FFA recommends chapters **arrive at the airport 2 hours before scheduled departure time**, in order to meet your flight leader, properly retrieve your ticket, check baggage and proceed through security. You must be **checked in at least 30 minutes** (45 minutes at LAX) before your scheduled departure time and **at the gate fifteen minutes before take off**; this is federal regulation. If you arrive after either of these two deadlines, the Transportation Security Agency will not allow you to pass to the next checkpoint.

You must have **valid photo identification** to be checked in and to board the aircraft. An official school photo ID is generally accepted if you are less than 18 years of age and do not have a driver's license. If you are 18 years of age or older, you **MUST** have a government-issued photo ID.

Acceptable IDs include:

- *US Passport*
- *Military ID*
- *State Photo Identity card*
- *Driver's License*

## **SECURITY**

The Federal Transportation Security Agency recommends that valuables such as electronic devices, cash, jewelry, etc. be carried aboard the aircraft with you in your carry-on luggage.

Federal regulations with regard to carrying aboard liquids and gels are strictly enforced. Be certain to carefully follow these regulations regarding carry on items:

*Liquids, aerosols and gels, in limited quantities, are safe to bring aboard an aircraft. Each traveler is allowed one bag. **3-1-1 for carry-ons** = 3.4 ounce (100ml) bottles or less (by volume); 1 quart-sized, clear, plastic, zip-top bag; 1 bag per passenger placed in screening bin. If in doubt, put your liquids in checked luggage.*

*After clearing security, travelers may bring on board beverages and other purchased items in the secure boarding area.*

## **LUGGAGE**

DO NOT check your luggage outside the terminal building with a skycap. Luggage must be checked in at the ticket counter in the main terminal building when you check in with your group leader.

Most airlines charge fees for checked baggage. Those traveling must be prepared to pay airline fees when you check into the airport. These fees will be charged by airlines each time you check into/go through security at an airport for a new trip (not at layover sites mid-travel).

You will pay baggage fees twice on the National FFA Convention/ DC trip.

### **Size Restrictions** - All Airlines

- 50 lbs. (23 kg) or less
- 62 inches (157 cm) length + width + height

### **Bag Fees**

- First bag = \$25, Second bag = \$35 - *American, Delta, United and US Airways*
- First bag = Free, Second bag = Free - *Southwest*

## **CARRY ON ITEMS**

You are allowed **one carry-on bag** and **one personal item** at no extra charge, which must **fit into the overhead bin or under the seat in front of you**.

### **Approved Items**

- 1 purse, briefcase or camera bag
- or 1 laptop computer (computers cannot be checked)
- or 1 suitcase or item of a similar or smaller size to those listed above

### **Additional Approved Items**

The following items **do not count as personal items** (they're freebies):

- A jacket or umbrella
- Food or drink purchased after clearing the security checkpoint
- Duty-free merchandise
- Special items or assistive devices such as wheelchairs or crutches

*For more detailed information about travel and airline security, please see the Transportation Security Agency's website at: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information>*

*Any travelers with medical conditions requiring the carrying of medicines aboard aircraft – especially those medicines in liquid or gel form – are strongly recommended to consult the Transportation Security Administration's rules regarding medications at the website noted. Many medications, especially those in liquid or gel form, must be declared to TSA officials at security checkpoints at airports. The form required for declaring these items can be downloaded at the TSA website.*