

## Negotiating The New York Experience Conference

The Hotel Pennsylvania, home base for the DECA New York Experience Conference, is conveniently located in Mid Town Manhattan directly across the street from Penn Station and Madison Square Garden. The subway stop for the hotel is the 34<sup>th</sup> Street/Penn Station stop. ALL trains stop at this stop, as well as at 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. When you exit the subway at the 34<sup>th</sup> Street Station look for signs leading you to 7<sup>th</sup> Ave & 33 St. for easy access to the hotel. (<http://www.hotelpenn.com>)

Good Web site for transit options:

[http://www.transitcenter.com/transitresources/Guide\\_NewYork.aspx](http://www.transitcenter.com/transitresources/Guide_NewYork.aspx)

### Airports

There are 3 airports serving New York City:

- New York John F Kennedy International Airport -  
<http://www.airwise.com/airports/us/JFK/index.html>
- LaGuardia Airport - [http://www.nyctourist.com/travel\\_lga.htm](http://www.nyctourist.com/travel_lga.htm)
- Newark International Airport -  
<http://www.airwise.com/airports/us/EWR/index.html>

These airport Web sites have ground transportation options for getting your group into the city. Remember when you are discussing fees with your group to include these shuttle or van rental fees.

### Subway Cards

All conference goers will be issued subway passes that are good for 7 days from the time of first use. For all of the educational venues in the mornings, staff will be there to lead the way. For the tour venues in the afternoons, groups will be on their own to use the subway passes to get to the various sites, as each group has its own different schedule.

Cards must be kept flat and away from other items that are electronic or magnetic. Cards that are damaged (such as being folded), must be replaced by the participant. Cards that lose their power (will read: *insufficient funds* when put through the machine) because they were stored by a cell phone or hotel room key, must be replaced by the participant. If there are other problems with the card not working, see the staff person in charge for a replacement.

### Subway Basics

Subways are marked “Uptown” or “Downtown.” If the numbered street that you are going to is higher than 34, you are going “Uptown;” lower than 34, you are heading “Downtown.” South Street Seaport (one of the conference venues) Battery Park (where you get the boat for the Statue of Liberty), Wall Street and Ground Zero are “Downtown.” Times Square (Madame Tussaud’s), Rockefeller Center (NBC Studios, Today Show, Christmas tree) and Radio City Music Hall are all “Uptown.”

If you need to take a *numbered* train (1, 2, 3, 4), you will go out the front door of the hotel, turn right, cross the street and immediately go down the subway steps. Follow the signs to the specific number and direction (Uptown or Downtown).

If you need a *lettered* train (B, D, F, V), you will go out the front door of the hotel, turn right, cross the street and walk a block; turn right again and walk another block (keeping Macy's on your left). You will see the marked subway on the corner on your left.

(Note: There are trains with other numbers and letters that can be accessed through Penn Station. The ones listed above are the ones we will use for specific conference venues.)

Groups should always make sure that an adult goes through the subway turnstile LAST so that no student is left behind alone if some thing happens to his/her card. Also, be sure that no one jumps the turnstile in a panic – that would be a hefty fine.

### **Specific Subways for Conference Venues**

South Street Seaport – Take train number 2 (express) or 3 downtown to Fulton Street (4 stops); walk down toward the water (Gold Street will be your first cross street). If you get lost, ask anyone for directions to South Street Seaport.

Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum – 234 West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, near Times Square – Take the 1, 2 or 3 train uptown one stop to 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Rockefeller Center, NBC Studios, Radio City Music Hall – Take the B, D, F or V train uptown to Rockefeller Center/50<sup>th</sup> Street. NBC is on W. 49<sup>th</sup> between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Radio City Music Hall is on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave between 50<sup>th</sup> & 51<sup>st</sup>.

### **Walking**

Walking around NYC in a group is safe as long as you follow a few precautions that would apply to getting around in any big city:

- Stay with the group.
- Girls should wear purses across the front of them, rather than dangled from a shoulder or arm. In a restaurant, purses should be kept under the table between their feet or on their laps and taken with them if they leave the table.
- Boys should put wallets and other valuables in their front pockets when walking around town.

Where to walk – On a nice day, Times Square is a pleasant walk from the hotel – 8 blocks uptown. There are many street vendors along the way with NY style bargains. Rockefeller Center is 8 more blocks uptown if you have an athletic group. The Empire State Building is at 5<sup>th</sup> Ave & 34<sup>th</sup> St. (the hotel is 7<sup>th</sup> Ave & 33<sup>rd</sup>) and is also just a walk from the hotel. There is plenty of shopping within walking distance – Macy's, H&M, Old Navy and Foot Locker are one block away or less; Manhattan Mall with 4 floors of stores is right behind the hotel in the same block.