Travel Planning Checklist as of September 2022

- Before meeting with your advisor, review the following with trip participants:
 COVID Guidelines for Destination, Proof of Vaccination Requirements, Mask Requirements during travel & while indoors
- □ Meet with your Advisor to discuss:

Trip Details

- Purpose of the Travel Program
- Activities Planned (Date, Time, Location, Emergency #)
- Name, Email, Phone number of Student Trip Leader
- Destination (Name, Address, Phone Number)
- Date(s) and times of Departure from campus and destination
- Date(s) and times of Arrival to campus and destination
- Contact information for Hospital nearest to destination

Travel Funding

- Discuss with your advisor payment options for lodging, transportation, and food
 Transportation [To be discussed with advisor & completed after meeting]
- Driving vehicle: Ensure driver has taken Defensive Driving Course and must provide copy of license with waiver
- Local Public transportation & Bus rentals: Please review with your Advisor (Note: Bus companies must be Rutgers approved)
- Air Travel, Amtrak, and Vehicle Rentals: Contact "Direct Travel" at 1(888)818-1067 (24/7) and/or rutgerstravel@dt.com (M-F 8am-5pm EST) and indicate to them that you have been approved for travel and need to book transportation.

Lodging [To be discussed with advisor & completed after meeting]

Contact "Direct Travel" at 1(888)818-1067 (24/7) and/or <u>rutgerstravel@dt.com</u> (M-F 8am-5pm EST) and state that your organization has been approved for travel and needs to book lodging. (<u>Note:</u> If lodging is arranged for a conference or competition, then you may book these rooms on your own.)

Waivers and Travel itinerary (Must be submitted at least 5 business days before the trip)

- Discuss with your advisor which waiver needs to be completed at https://sca.rutgers.edu/campus-involvement/student-organizations/student-organization-officers/quick-links
 - Make sure all participants know trip leader's name and email, trip location, date(s), and mode of transportation in order to fill out waiver. (<u>Note:</u> For weekly/bi-weekly competitions/activities, please put in date range)
- Trip leader will be emailed all the waivers and will also need to collect drivers licenses for those participants who will be driving, if applicable
- Trip leader must type up a list in excel with all the participants names, RUID's, emergency contact names, emergency contact phone numbers and allergies, if applicable
- Trip leader must fill out Travel Itinerary located under Forms at getINVOLVED.rutgers.edu and upload participant/emergency contact list
- Trip leader must put all waivers in one PDF and submit it on page 2 of the Travel Itinerary form on getINVOLVED.
- If applicable: Trip Leader must upload one PDF containing the driver's licenses of each designated driver for their trip on page 3 of the Travel Itinerary on getINVOLVED.

4 Weeks Prior to Departure

- Deposit all funds for trip in student organization SABO account, including personal payments and allocations
- Submit any check reimbursement requests for travel related expenses, as soon as purchased along with confirmation from Direct Travel

2 Weeks Prior to Departure

Submit cash advance requests to the Student Activities Business Office (SABO) with details, payment information and confirmation from travel agency

6-8 weeks Prior to Departure

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1 Week Prior to Departure	 Pick up Cash Advance Check(s) from SABO and deposit or cash check as soon as possible
	 If renting bus, Trip Leader develops and distributes written announcement to trip participants, which includes:
	□ General welcome greeting
	Bus company name and phone number
	 Departure time after program ends and policy for waiting for trip participants
	 Reminder that all students are responsible for their guests during trip
	 Instructions that students should contact Trip Leader in case of problem on trip
	 Suggested for extensive stays away from campus: Trip Leader creates travel information sheet, including travel accommodation phone #s and distributes to participants
2-3 Days Prior to Departure	Trip Leader should pack the following for trip:
	 Cell phone
	 Directions to/from destination
	 Copies of facility, ticket, and/or vehicle rental contracts (including emergency contact # for transportation company)
	 Copies of itinerary
	 Special Informed Consent list for those not returning with group
	 Written announcements with instructions for the day
	□ Cash Advance
	Phone # for RUPD (732-932-7211)
	□ First Aid Kit (if applicable)
After Return	 Submit PERR forms with original itemized receipts to Advisor within 30 days after trip
	 Reconcile Cash Advance (Submit completed reconciliation slip & receipts to SABO) within 30 days from check date
	 Evaluate Travel Program, recording what you learned, successes & challenges