



TURTLE ISLAND PRESERVE

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Considerations for Campers Arriving by Plane

To ease the challenge of arranging for your camper to arrive/depart to and from camp via airport transportation we offer the following detailed and crucial information to make this transition go as smooth as possible.

*** Please review the following considerations BEFORE booking your flights.**

Turtle Island arranges a shuttle for campers to and from the Charlotte International Airport (CLT) for \$100 per ride. It is a 2 hour long commute. * Please email us your child's itinerary and cell phone number so we can be in contact with them during their travel.

The Turtle Island Shuttle only rolls on arrival day and departure day. We are unable to accommodate early arrivals and late departures.

There is also another professional shuttle service "Hickory Hop" – which will drive your camper to the town of Boone, but only at very specific times of day and requires advanced booking, and approx. \$100 per ride. [\(828\) 327-2340](tel:8283272340)

Please let us know if your camper has to fly as "Unaccompanied Minor" Status (It requires our driver to pass through security and meet the camper at the plane's exact entry gate w/ photo id and prearranged arrangements. Otherwise, our driver will meet your camper at the baggage claim area holding a Turtle Island sign.

Arrival: Please do everything in your power to make sure the arrival flight lands no later than 11am on Sunday – The first day of camp.

Departure: Flights leaving after 2pm on Saturday are ideal so your camper can ride our shuttle without missing the final closing ceremonies of camp.

Luggage Options: As an alternative to the 22 gallon plastic tub that most campers store their gear in, please feel free to pack your campers gear in a large duffel bag. Waterproof is ideal. Please label it well.

Cell phones: While mobile phones are restricted on Turtle Island proper, please be sure your airport travelling child has both their phone and charger labelled and in a clear ziplock bag with an extra copy of their travel itinerary. Please also put in writing, inside that bag, your child's name, personal number and your name and personal number – especially put the contact name and phone number of the person picking up your child – in the event of flight delay or cancellation we will need to reach that person. * Please do everything in your power to limit the amount of other digital tech your child will be travelling with. Turtle Island is not responsible for damage to these expensive and fragile devices. (Examples of unnecessary digital tech items include: Kindle, Tablets, headphones, smart-wristbands, video games, etc.)

Carry on: Please make sure your child has a small day pack as a carry on, in addition to the checked luggage of camp-gear. In that carry-on, make sure your child has their clear ziplock baggie with the following items:

1. ID & Printed copy of flight itinerary
2. Any important medications your child requires, w/ instructions.
3. Cell phone and charger –labelled (blue painters tape and a sharpie work well for this) in a labelled ziplock bag.
4. Personal Cash for spending during travel – with the amount labelled on the envelope. (\$50 is usually enough to cover both trips, but remind them that flights occasionally get delayed so hold some back in case they need to eat hours later than they originally expected) *You are also welcome to give them cash to purchase camp memorabilia.

Once all travel arrangements have been made, please communicate all those details to the Turtle Island office as soon as possible. Thank You!