

## What to Bring to DTS

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We are excited to have you join us at YWAM Louisville and hope you will feel at home here! Keep in mind that **personal space is very limited**. Please be conservative with the amount of clothing and personal items you bring.

### Necessary Items:

- **Bible**
- Notebook
- Pens/Pencils
- Backpack
- **Passport**
- COVID Vaccination Card (if vaccinated)
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Shower Caddy/Toiletries Storage
- Towels & Washcloths
- Time Telling Device (i.e. Watch, Phone, Alarm Clock, etc.)
- Bedding\*
- Address Book, Stamps, and Envelopes\*\*
- Laundry Bag & Detergent\*\*\*

### Optional Items:

- Laptop\*\*
- Camera
- Ear Plugs
- Headphones
- Pictures of Family (please only use painters tape for hanging pictures up)
- Containers for Storage of Personal Items
- Sleeping Bag

\* *Bedding*: a pillow, sheets and blankets for a twin-sized bed. Many of our beds are college-sized twins, so you might want to get college sized twin (or "Twin XL") sheets.

\*\* You will be creating a newsletter during the first few weeks of your Lecture Phase, so make sure you bring addresses for friends, family members, church members, etc. We ask that you compile at least 100 addresses. If you have a device larger than a smart phone (laptop, tablet, etc.), we highly recommend you consider bringing it.

\*\*\* Our laundry machines do best with h•e (High Efficiency) laundry detergent. Please bring only detergent that has the "h•e" symbol.

Note on passports: your passport will be needed **before** the outreach portion. We will need it to book your plane ticket and possibly apply for your visa. If you do not currently have a passport please let our Student Communications Team know and begin the process of applying for a passport immediately. If your passport will expire within 6 months of your DTS graduation date, please contact our Student Communications Team. Some countries will not let you enter if your passport will be expiring within six months of your travels.



## Clothing

Our purpose in providing guidelines for appearance and clothing is to show honor to one another, as we are coming from a wide variety of backgrounds and cultures. Often our physical appearance can symbolize the value we place on our time together. We wish to dress in a way that will be edifying to one another and will not be distracting.

The guidelines are as follows:

- We reserve the right to make specific requirements regarding appearance for class or certain ministry situations.
- Your appearance, including clothing and hair, should be neat, modest, and clean.
- Please wear shoes (i.e. no bare feet) during class or official functions.
- Your clothes should completely cover your stomach and all undergarments, including straps. Please do not wear spaghetti strap tank tops or men's sleeveless undershirts.
- Please do not wear things like gym shorts, workout clothes, sweatpants, pjs, yoga pants/leggings, etc. to class and official YWAM activities. Please do not wear leggings as a substitute for pants.
- Your appearance should reflect consideration for others and your ministry without bringing opportunity to offend people who have different convictions.

You will be attending church weekly, so please bring appropriate church clothes.

You will want to bring some work clothes that can get dirty during work projects as well as a nice, dressy outfit for special occasions. You may also want to bring a modest swimsuit – ladies, one piece, or modest tankini; men, no Speedos.

## Housing

Unless you have discussed other arrangements with us, you'll be living in a home with other students and YWAM Louisville staff.

## Outreach

Specifics on what to bring on outreach will be given during outreach orientation.

## Nearby

There are Target's, Meijer's, Wal-Mart's, grocery stores, and malls nearby our campus if you need to buy bedding, food, storage containers, or anything else you may need while here. We also have many coffee shops, local restaurants, and parks close by.

### Please do not bring:

- Tobacco
- Alcohol
- Illicit Drugs
- Firearms
- Fireworks
- Candles or Incense



## Weather

### Winter

The coldest months in Louisville are December, January and February. January daytime temperatures are around 40°F, although these can drop to 30°F. Snowfalls can occur during the winter months, with the heaviest falls occurring during January and February.

### Spring

Spring weather in Louisville can be a bit unpredictable. There may be lows of 30°F degrees and highs of 80°F degrees. Be prepared for some rain and for both cool and warm weather. It will be warm and humid by June.

### Fall

The weather has a wide range in the fall time. In September temperatures are usually between 50-80°F. In October you can expect 50-70°F, in November 40-55°F, and in December 30-45°F. The fall tends to be a wet season, so bring an umbrella or rain jacket! Please be aware, with the wide range of temperatures you should pack accordingly for warm weather during the beginning of your DTS Lecture Phase, and for cold weather towards the end of Lecture Phase.