

North Star Camp

2019 Air Travel Details



Though camp may still be months away, it is time to start thinking about travel to camp. Whether this is your first time sending your son to camp or if you're a North Star veteran, we hope this answers any questions that you have on this matter. We ask that even seasoned veterans read this over as the travel industry changes regularly and we do our best to pass along updates to you.

While travel can be a hassle, we do our best to make this easy for you and more importantly for your son. As long as you follow our recommendations, you'll be able to send him off at the gate at your hometown airport, and we'll have one of our excellent staff members in a North Star shirt waiting to greet him as he gets off the plane in Minneapolis.

We ask that all campers flying on our main travel dates travel to and from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP). If your son is arriving late or departing early, please contact us before booking his flight as we may ask that you use an alternative airport that is closer to camp or we may ask you book a specific flight.

Flying as a Unaccompanied Minor

We have full confidence in the airlines' unaccompanied minor (UM) programs! While there is a fee, these programs allow you to escort your son to the airplane at the departure airport and an airline employee will keep track of your son while he is on the plane. Upon arriving at the gate in Minneapolis, an airline employee will escort your son off the plane and hand him off to one of our staff members. Most of our campers are coming from cities where there are other North Star campers or campers from other camps. We can help coordinate so that campers sit next to each other when possible.

Rules and fees for UM programs vary by airline. Each airline has its own UM rules and fees, and they change regularly. All of this info is available on the airline's website. Please check this out as we don't want you to find some unexpected surprises when you show up at the airport. We recommend Delta Airlines, in part, because their UM program is most helpful and accommodating for camps and children and tends to be the least restrictive. Delta's dedicated UM phone number is 800-325-8847.

Southwest Airlines and United Airlines typically will not allow Unaccompanied Minors on connecting flights. Again, we recommend checking UM policies before you book a reservation.

Some airlines allow unaccompanied minors from different families to share one UM reservation. Please note, however, that the airline may require that all the minors traveling on the same UM reservation are under the same reservation. We recommend that you coordinate your initial booking with other families from your city. Please let us know how we can help with this.

A few days before your son's travel date we will email you details about who will greet him at the airport in Minneapolis. Airlines will require this info when you check your son in at the departure airport.

Booking a Flight

On the next page we have provided a list of recommended flights for most cities that we have campers flying from. We understand that many families have preferred airlines and may use airline miles to book a ticket. When possible, we do ask that you use the flight we have recommended. If you are going to use another airline or flight we ask that incoming flights to camp arrive between 9am and 12:30pm (preferably in the 10 or 11am hours) and flights to home depart between 1:00pm and 4:30pm (preferably in the 2 or 3pm hours). If your city is not listed, please contact us so we can coordinate flights that work for you.

If we have not listed a preferred flight for a city where your son is flying to or from, please use our time blocks to determine

Travel Dates

1st Session:

To Camp: June 17th

To Home: July 13th

2nd Session

To Camp: July 14th

To Home: Aug. 9th

8 Week:

To Camp: June 17th

To Home: Aug. 9th

what flight to book. **If there is not a flight available during that time or if there is a different flight that you would prefer to book, please contact us to make sure that your preferred flight is feasible.** We will do our best to accommodate your needs, but there are times when it just isn't possible for us to do so.

As you likely know, airfare fluctuates greatly and some tickets which are inexpensive now will only go up in price, while others are more expensive and will decline.

In the spring, you will be asked to enter your son's travel details into the North Star Campintouch (online form) system.

Recommended Flights

Below are our recommended flights for the summer of 2019. Please note that the airlines change flight numbers and adjust flight times regularly. Before booking your flight, double check to make sure that the times fall within our arrival and departure windows and if you have any questions or concerns, let us know!

City	Airport	To Camp Flight	Dep Time	Arrival Time	To Home Flight	Dep Time	Arrival time
Albuquerque	ABQ	DL 1204 & DL 2499	6:05am	12:13pm	DL 829 & DL 2708	2:34pm	9:55pm
Atlanta	ATL	DL 1866	7:25am	9:06am	DL 987	12:52pm	4:21pm
Austin	AUS	DL 2968	6:05am	8:50am	DL 2967	1:58pm	4:52pm
Baltimore	BWI	DL 880	8:30am	10:07am	DL 1299	12:45pm	4:15pm
Birmingham	BHM	DL 3954 & DL 1629	6:05am	10:46am	DL 1715 & DL 1064	3:22pm	8:12pm
Charlotte	CLT	DL 876	8:00am	9:53am	DL 223	3:30pm	7:08pm
Cincinnati	CVG	DL 5052	9:40am	10:45am	DL 5209	3:30pm	6:26pm
Cleveland	CLE	DL 2497	7:00am	8:11am	DL 871	3:10pm	6:03pm
Columbus	CMH	DL 803	7:00am	8:10am	DL 310	3:10pm	6:06pm
Dallas	DFW	DL 4129	8:00am	10:31am	DL 1443	3:20pm	5:52pm
Denver	DEN	DL 1175	8:45am	11:36am	DL 2475	2:47pm	3:55pm
Des Moines	DSM	DL 5404	8:00am	9:19am	DL 5242	2:59pm	4:13pm
Detroit	DTW	DL 1629	9:55am	10:46am	DL 954	1:50pm	4:30pm
Fort Lauderdale	FLL	AA 1982 & AA 2553	6:15am	11:08am	AA 2086 & AA 1576	1:35pm	10:22pm
Houston	IAH	DL 5398	6:15am	9:05am	DL 5487	2:25pm	5:25pm
		DL 5301	7:45am	10:42am			
Los Angeles	LAX	DL 1335	6:15am	11:51am	DL 1005	12:56pm	2:51pm
Miami	MIA	AA 4676	8:35am	11:27am	AA 4676	12:00pm	4:45pm
Nashville	BNA	DL 4580	8:18am	10:39am	DL 3531	3:30pm	5:39pm
New York City	LGA	DL 1469	10:00am	12:25pm	DL 968	3:15pm	6:55pm
Phoenix	PHX	DL 1537	6:55am	11:58am	DL 899	3:10pm	4:25pm
Pittsburgh	PIT	DL 2234	6:35am	8:00am	DL 2313	3:10pm	6:14pm
San Diego	SAN	DL 1864	6:25am	12:04pm	DL 1728	11:15am	12:56pm
San Francisco	SFO	DL 1847	6:00am	11:52am	DL 1593	3:18pm	5:24pm
Seattle	SEA	DL 1352	6:20am	11:24am	DL 2215	2:35pm	4:15pm
St. Louis	STL	DL 2919	9:10am	10:45am	DL 2045	12:55pm	2:27pm
Tampa	TPA	DL 2192 & DL 1629	6:35am	10:46am	DL 1712	1:10pm	5:22pm
Washington D.C.	DCA	DL 2063	8:30am	10:21am	DL 952	3:15pm	6:40pm

Airlines

AA = American Airlines DL = Delta Airlines

Dealing with Luggage

Prior to camp, we will be sending information regarding luggage. Some families opt to ship their bags via FedEx while others put their bags on the plane. We are evaluating the various baggage fees to come up with an option that is best for all of our families.

Please contact us at any time and we'd be happy to help with the travel arrangement process.