

# Border Crossing Information

## *From the United States into Canada and from Canada into the United States*

1. All students will need to complete the **consent letter** on the next page. Be sure that the student has this letter on them when crossing the border.
2. If **driving** across the border, each vehicle needs to have a list of all the people in that vehicle with the following information:
  - Full name
  - Date and place of birth
  - Address (including city, state and zip code)
3. Along with the consent form, **proper identification** is also required for all international travel.
  - Make sure that your youth are securing proper paperwork as soon as possible.
  - Non-United States citizens traveling to Canada should check with the United States consulate to ensure that they have correct documentation for entry and exit.
  - Non-Canadian citizens traveling to the United States should check to ensure that they have correct documentation for entry and exit.

### **Proper Identification**

- For ease of travel, YouthWorks recommends that each person obtains a passport. However, also available to US groups is the U.S. Passport Card. It is a travel document that can be used to enter the United States from Canada (as well as Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda) at **land** border crossings. **It cannot be used for air travel.** The passport card is more convenient and less expensive than a passport book.
- According to the **Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative**, “U.S. and Canadian citizen children under age 19 arriving by land or sea from contiguous territory and traveling with a school group, religious group, social or cultural organization, or sports team, may also present an original or copy of his or her birth certificate, a Consular Report of Birth Abroad, a Naturalization Certificate, or a Canadian Citizenship Card”. Read more here: [http://www.getyouhome.gov/html/lang\\_eng/eng\\_sa.html](http://www.getyouhome.gov/html/lang_eng/eng_sa.html)

### **Border Crossing Tips**

- Be sure to give your group plenty of time to cross the border.
- Exchange currency before your trip. This will save time at the border. Exchanging currency can take some time to secure, so start the process a few weeks before the mission trip.
- If asked what your group will be doing in Canada/United States, please say “**Volunteering at organizations**”. Do not say that you will be “working” or “building”. These words imply that you are being paid and can lead to more questions.

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*Canadian Residents:* <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/whti-ivho/menu-eng.html>

*US Residents:* [www.travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc\\_2223.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html)



**Bring Original Form  
While Traveling**

### Consent Letter

I, the undersigned, am a parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(first and last name)  
a minor child aged 18 years old or younger. I have given consent for him/her to attend  
a mission trip being operated by YouthWorks!, Inc. that will take place in the city of  
\_\_\_\_\_, during the week of \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/day/yr).

I also understand that in order for him/her to cross the United States/Canada border  
without me, and in the presence of the adult leaders of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(organization name)

I must give written consent for my minor child, and have my signature witnessed by a  
Notary Public.

**Parent/Guardian**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Notary Public**

State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed, Sworn and Acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010 by  
\_\_\_\_\_.

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public Signature \_\_\_\_\_

{Place Notary Seal Here}