

Flight and Trip Information

Thursday, February 28 - Drive to Chicago

We will take off after school... - how bout 4:00 PM. We are taking the school van and will stay the night at a hotel ten minutes from O'Hare. First though, we'll stop off in Chicago and have a little Thai food, and maybe listen to some German uumpa music in Lincoln Square. We should be in Chicago by 6:30 or so. We can hang out a bit and let the traffic clear before driving out to the hotel. Our morning flight is at 7:00 AM, so we'll need an early wake up call.

Friday, March 1 - Chicago / Birmingham / Selma

From Chicago O'Hare we have 7:00 AM flight to Birmingham International Airport. There we'll rent a van and head downtown. We'll tour the National Civil Rights Museum. We will visit Kelly Ingram Park, site of civil rights demonstrations of the 1960's and go to the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church which was bombed in the Fall of 1963. Lunch is at a cool little soul food place down the street from Kelly Ingram - its good and greasy and fattening. Five Points is Birmingham's college hang out up by UAB. It's a neat area. We'll head up there for dinner, and drive to Selma - and spend the night at the Holiday Inn Express.

Saturday, March 2 - Selma

Saturday morning we'll wake up and head down to the Street Fair. All sorts of stuff will be going on around town...it's a tiny place, so don't expect a metropolis. I'll take you to the National Voting Rights Museum in Selma. Somewhere along the way we will meet Joanne Bland - Joanne is Selma! I love her. All sorts of activities planned for the weekend. There's entertainment - music and street fair - vendors - political and historical events. I'll take you around to some of the places...You'll have plenty of time to roam on your own as well. You can't get lost - if you walk south for a bit you fall into the Alabama River. And remember the more that you know before you go - the more rewarding the journey when you are there. So read *Let the Trumpet Sound*, watch *Eyes on the Prize*, listen to King's speeches. The people who made this thing happen back in 1965 deserve your efforts to know exactly what theirs were.

Sunday, March 3 - Selma / Marion

The morning begins with ministers of the Civil Rights movement speaking at local churches - Everybody is welcomed to attend - we will go, even though the holy water tends to burn my skin. At noon hundreds of folks meet at Brown Chapel. They retrace the march from Brown across the Edmund Pettus Bridge on Bloody Sunday. Oakridge students will march alongside freedom fighters from the sixties. We sing freedom songs. We march. We talk. There are speeches and prayers. Normally this ends the Annual jubilee - but we are staying the night so we can roam a bit at the Street Fair...and then head to the hotel. On Sunday night we'll drive up to Marion where Jimmie Lee Jackson was murdered in February of 1965. Marion needs to be visited at night...that was when Jimmie was killed. We'll go find his headstone in the slave cemetery about five miles out of town. And then its back to the hotel...if we survive.

Monday, March 4 - Montgomery / Chicago / Muskegon

Monday is gonna be a long long day. We'll hop out of bed bright and early - (no sweats or pajama or yoga pants) - we will head down to Montgomery. Hopefully we'll have time to visit Dexter (King's Church) and the Rosa Parks Museum. Also, the Civil Rights Memorial is located near Dexter down by the state capitol. After we find lunch we will swing back up the north to the Birmingham Airport. Our Flight to Chicago is at 5:00. That will get us back into Chicago sometime after 7:00 PM. That's 8:00 PM Michigan time. And then the long drive back to Muskegon. We'll make it home sometime after midnight.

Depending on the weather and flights and such it may be a long time after midnight.

You do not have to take the ACT on Tuesday. I am not sure yet, what the school will require regarding Tuesday's attendance. Friday and Monday are school excused.

Flight Information - United Airlines

OUT - Friday March 1

Chicago O'Hare - Flight #5879
7:01 AM to 8:46 AM

BACK - Monday March 4

Chicago O'Hare - Flight #5857
5:05 PM to 7:14 PM

HOTEL INFORMATION

Chicago - Thursday February 28

Comfort Suites O'Hare - 847-233-9000

Selma - March 1 to March 3

Holiday Inn Express - 334-874-1000

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Miiram Beard