



## **Requirements for passengers travelling with children under the age of 18 to the United States by land Only!**

Adults traveling in or out of the United States with children under the age of 18 should be aware of the following:

Due to the increasing incidents of child abductions in disputed custody cases and as possible victims of child pornography, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) strongly recommends that unless the child is accompanied by both parents.

- the adult have a note from the child's other parent (or, in the case of a child traveling with grandparents, uncles or aunts, sisters or brothers, or friends, a note signed by both parents) stating "I acknowledge that my wife/husband/etc. is traveling out of the country with my son/daughter. He/She/They has my permission to do so."
- CBP also suggests that this note be notarized.

While CBP may not ask to see this documentation, if we do ask, and you do not have it, you may be detained until the circumstances of the child traveling without both parents can be fully assessed. If there is no second parent with legal claims to the child (deceased, sole custody, etc.) any other relevant paperwork, such as a court decision, birth certificate naming only one parent, death certificate, etc., would be useful.

Adults traveling with children should also be aware that, while the U.S. does not require this documentation, many other countries do, and failure to produce notarized permission letters and/or birth certificates could result in travelers being refused entry. (Canada has very strict requirements in this regard.)

All U.S. or Canadian Citizen children 15 and younger should also have a copy of their birth certificate if traveling by land or sea. Teens between the ages of 16-18, if traveling as part of an adult-supervised school, religious, cultural or athletic group, are exempt from rules requiring a passport, although they will need to have a copy of their birth certificate, and the leader of the group should present a list of the children, etc. and sign a certification that they have received permission from a parent or guardian for all children in the group to go on the trip. If just traveling with friends or family, 16-18 year olds will need a passport - as will all other U.S. and Canadian citizens over the age of 15.

**PERMISSION TO TRAVEL INTO UNITED STATES**  
**With my Son/Daughter**

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised: I/we, \_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_

As (parent(s) or legal guardian ) have full knowledge of my Son / daughter

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

traveling across the border to the United States on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

on a bus tour to \_\_\_\_\_ with Sun Ice Tours. Inc.

I, hereby give permission to: (Name of Travelling Parent or Person in Charge of my son/daughter ) or other:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

to travel with my Son/Daughter on this bus tour.

Should you wish, please contact me /us at \_\_\_\_\_

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Legal Gaurdian

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Legal Gaurdian

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness:

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness