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Will Rogers Reminds Spring Break Travelers of Parking, 3-1-1, Passport Rules



WILL ROGERS WORLD AIRPORT (**March 15, 2007**) –Airport officials advise spring break travelers to prepare for takeoff before coming to the airport. According to airline managers representing all airlines based out of Will Rogers, most flights are completely booked in and out of Will Rogers next week, making the 2007 spring break travel season one of the busiest in recent Will Rogers history.

Travelers need to be aware of four key issues when flying out of Will Rogers:

- 1) **Arrive early.** Officials at Will Rogers normally suggest arriving 1 and 1/2 hours before flight departure to ensure ample time for parking, transport to the terminal and security; however, they encourage travelers to check with their airline during this busy time of year.
- 2) **Pack smart.** According to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), each passenger is allowed to carry through the security screening checkpoint one clear quart-size zip-top plastic bag that may hold several containers each having three ounces or less of liquid or gel. (This is the 3-1-1 rule: containers of three (3) ounces per one (1) passenger in one (1) clear baggy. Larger bags will not be accepted, even if they only contain one item.) (*See more information on 3-1-1 below.*)



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- 3) **Know where to park.** Increase in air travel out of Will Rogers has led to increased demand for on-airport parking. A new five-story parking garage is planned to meet this need. There are a number of parking options available for the public. Visit www.flyokc.com and click on Parking/Transportation, then “parking procedures.” (See more information below.)
- 4) **Bring your passport.** As of January 30, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security made it mandatory for all passengers traveling by plane to present a valid passport when re-entering the United States from cities in Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean.



According to **Mark Kranenburg**, Director of Airports, many high school and college students travel during spring break. “Fall break was a real problem last year as students were not familiar with the 3-1-1 rule and frequently arrived late for their flights,” he said.

Moreover, local TSA officials report they dispose of numerous health and beauty aids that do not comply with the 3-1-1 rule. Students, in particular, pack items inappropriately in their carry-on baggage. “If it doesn’t meet the 3-1-1 requirements, passengers must surrender the items, which can delay the screening process,” Kranenburg said.

“We are thrilled with our increase in air travel,” Kranenburg continued. “We just want passengers to be adequately prepared so they have a good experience at Will Rogers.”

Will Rogers World Airport completed a \$110 million terminal reconstruction project in November. The project nearly doubled the size the airport, which served more than 3.6 million passengers in 2006.

More about 3-1-1

Prior to entering the TSA checkpoint, items must be placed separately in a plastic bin, including laptop computers, which must be taken out of their cases. This process basically declares the items being carried on board the aircraft. Items left in a bag, purse or briefcase will not be allowed to pass through the checkpoint. Additionally, one cannot place additional liquids and gels in the plastic bag once the bag has been declared. Any liquids and gels not in the quart-size plastic bag will need to be placed in checked baggage or surrendered to screeners.

Larger amounts of prescription liquid medications, baby formula and diabetic glucose treatments must be declared to the screener at the checkpoint before passing through the X-ray or metal detector for additional screening.

The secret to passing through security quickly and easily is to de-clutter carry-on bags. When possible put all liquids and gels in checked baggage.

Recent adjustments also allow beverages purchased in the secure boarding of the areas to be carried on board the aircraft. However, if a traveler leaves the secure area and re-enters the screening checkpoint the same rules apply and only items three (3) ounces or less in a clear zip-top bag will be allowed.

To save time and additional screening, the airport recommends that travelers put all checkpoint-prohibited items in checked baggage. A complete list of prohibited items along with a list of what can go into a carryon and how it must be carried is available on the TSA website www.tsa.gov.

Passengers are also reminded that all types of footwear must be removed at the checkpoint and screened by X-ray.

More about parking at the airport

Security regulations have changed a few of the parking procedures at the airport. No vehicle can be left unattended within 300 feet of the terminal building. Any vehicle left unattended will be ticketed and towed. Vehicles are no longer allowed to park and wait for arriving passengers. If your party is not at the curb, you will need to loop around and come back, or you may wait in the designated "cell phone waiting area." It is recommended that visitors to the airport take advantage of the one hour of FREE parking in the hourly parking garage. This does not apply to the five-story garage or the shuttle parking lots.

If you are parking long-term, choose from the five-level garage, semi-covered shuttle parking or shuttle parking.



Will Rogers World Airport

Prices

Long-Term Shuttle

\$4/day, \$20 week

Long-Term Semi-Covered Shuttle

\$5/day, \$25/week

Five-Story Covered Garage

\$5/day, \$25/week

Hourly Parking

\$1/hour, \$23/day, First Hour FREE

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