

Passport GUIDE...



Everything you've heard is true.
You DO need a passport
to cross the U.S. – Mexico border.

WHY DO I NEED A PASSPORT?

As of January 2009, a valid U.S. passport is required for all to enter and exit Mexico. Birth certificates are no longer accepted as proper documentation. Only the U.S. Department of State can authorize a passport. If you don't have one or need to renew, please follow the steps below.

WHAT IF I ALREADY HAVE A U.S. PASSPORT?

Great! You're in luck. Simply bring it with you to Check-in at PLNU and we'll take care of it from there. Be sure that you have signed your passport on the inside cover.

WHAT IF I HAVE A PASSPORT FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S.?

You don't need a new U.S. passport for YouthWorks, but you do still need to bring your passport with you. *Please be sure* to bring along all other official documentation showing citizenship or legal residency in the U.S. (i.e.: Green Card, Visa).

WHAT WILL I DO WITH MY PASSPORT DURING YOUTHWORKS?

The YouthWorks staff will collect all passports upon Check-in at PLNU. The passports will then be transferred to each participant's group leader and properly labeled for use at the border. At border crossings, the group leader will hand each participant their passport and collect it upon entry into the country. While at camp, all passports will be securely locked in a safe. Once we have returned to PLNU, all passports will be returned to their owners.

WHAT'S THE NEW PASSPORT CARD ALL ABOUT? SHOULD I GET ONE?

In addition to the traditional passport book, a passport card is now being issued for a much cheaper price. This card is only accepted at land crossings, so it is a great option for you going on our Baja trip this year. If you already have a passport book, you are fine, but you may want to add on the card for convenience (it's small like a driver's license). If you don't have a passport, this is the way to go – it's much cheaper!

16 & older = \$45

younger than 16 = \$35

IF I DON'T HAVE A PASSPORT, HOW DO I GET OR RENEW ONE?

1. Complete the correct passport application for your needs. (Visit website in box to the left.) All information must be accurate. Do NOT sign the application form until the Passport Acceptance Agent instructs you to.
2. Apply in person at a Passport Application Acceptance Office. Office locations can be found at <http://iafdb.travel.state.gov/>
3. You will need an original or certified copy of your birth certificate or a previous passport.
4. Include two passport-style photos. These can be taken at post offices and mail centers.
5. Those 16 & older, bring your driver's license or state ID. Minors without ID must be accompanied by parents/guardians with appropriate ID.
6. Don't forget your payment! Refer to the chart above. Accepted payment methods: Credit Card, Debit/Check Cards, and Checks (personal, certified, or cashiers).

For the comprehensive resource,
visit the official passport website:

www.travel.state.gov