

# UNACCOMPANIED MINOR UPDATE (AS OF MARCH 1, 2009)

## CAMPERS AGES 14 YEARS AND UNDER MUST TRAVEL AS UNACCOMPANIED MINORS OR BE ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER TRAVELER 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

All airlines have imposed strict rules concerning unaccompanied minors. Northwest Airlines requires passengers ages 14 and under, to be accompanied by another individual 18 years of age or older, or be subject to purchasing unaccompanied minor services from that airline. Travelers ages 15 - 17 may not be required to purchase an unaccompanied minor service, but will no longer be eligible to take responsibility for younger travelers, age 14 years and younger, if traveling together to avoid charges for unaccompanied minor services. **IMPORTANT:** Northwest will allow multiple children, both family and non-family members, to travel under the cost of one unaccompanied minor service. The children **must check-in together both at the airport check-in counter and also at the gate.** Campers must travel together in both directions.

At the time of returning home, the adult or adults indicating responsibility for all of the children on the unaccompanied minor form **must be present at the airport.** If the specified adult is not present at the airport, Northwest or other airlines will not release the children.

The reasoning behind the stricter enforcement of this existing rule stems from the recently enacted "traveler bill of rights". At that time the Government, in conjunction with representatives from consumer advocate groups representing the general public, listed items to be addressed by the airline industry. Among the items were security and responsibility for children traveling alone. As a result, the airlines have indicated that they will now accept full responsibility only if the family purchases the unaccompanied minor service offered by the air carriers.

Three weeks prior to travel, when Travel One mails you the e-ticket receipt for your camper, we will also include an unaccompanied minor form and letter of instructions. This will allow you to fill out/complete the form prior to arriving to the airport for departure to camp. This applies to Northwest tickets only.

The family should purchase this service at the time of departure, during the check-in procedure. Because of a change in early 2009, the cost is now \$100.00 one way or \$200.00 round trip, for both non-stop and connecting flights. The service **must be secured on a round trip basis**, unless your camper is traveling only one way. At time of check-in, while airline policy does require this service, it will be up to each airline check-in or gate agent to enforce this policy.

If your child is age 14 years or under and not accompanied by an 18-year or older traveler, you will be required to purchase the unaccompanied minor service. To assist you at time of check-in, you will need to list all of the following information:

Person to meet my child	Sam Cote/Bill Jones or <b>a camp representative</b>
Camp address	Camp Lincoln/Camp Lake Hubert Lake Hubert, MN 56459
Telephone	(218) 963-2339

so that a camp representative can meet your child upon arrival at the gate in Minneapolis.

**Please complete the unaccompanied minor form on a round trip basis.**

**In making you aware of this requirement at this time, we are hopeful that your check-in procedure on the camp departure date will be a smooth and time efficient experience.**