

# Save Women's Lives:

*March for Freedom of Choice*  
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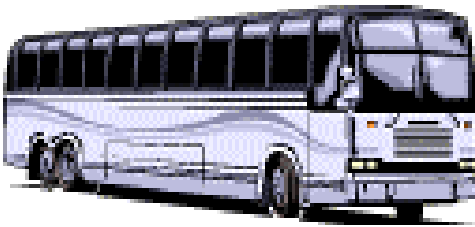
## Organizing Your Travel and Housing Logistics

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As soon as possible figure out the logistics of your group's March participation. Figure out the cheapest and most convenient way to get to Washington, DC, whether that is by carpooling, renting a bus, taking the train, or flying. Research cheap places for the group to sleep and eat, as well as coordinate and/or organize travel plans.

### Renting a Bus

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If you're traveling by bus, you'll need to get a sense of the costs for chartering a bus, the number of people the bus holds, and the per-person cost of each seat. This price is your base for your bus ticket, and you may add \$5-10 or more per ticket as a fundraiser for the group. You'll need time to price and reserve buses for your delegation so you can start selling bus tickets and recruiting to fill those buses and grow your delegation!  
**Your group should start as soon as possible!**

#### Picking a Bus Company:

- ❑ First, check your Office of Student Life, Student Activities, or Student Government to inquire about any available campus shuttles or buses your group can rent. They may be cheaper, easier to acquire, and more flexible to reserve or cancel for unfilled buses.
- ❑ If there is no inexpensive or free charter bus services on campus, then be sure to call at least three bus companies for price quotes before you commit to one.
- ❑ If you are in or near the D.C. metropolitan area and not Metro-accessible, consider hiring a local school bus to function as a shuttle.
- ❑ Some information to have at hand when calling the bus company:
  - Date of your trip (and return date if overnight)
  - Time of departure to leave campus and depart from D.C.
  - Number of passengers
  - Addresses for departure, unloading in D.C. and to be picked up for the return
  - Whether you will need the bus during your stay – keep in mind that almost every part of the city is accessible by Metro, which is safe, easy to use, and inexpensive
  - Whether you plan to make stops en route
  - Specific locations as to where and when your group should be picked up, both from the point of origin and your destination (the March headquarters will be securing a permit for a designated parking location for all chartered buses, visit the [MarchforChoice.org](http://www.marchforchoice.org) website for updates)

Remember, if you find someone who will do the job for a rate that is too good to be true, ask for references and *check them*. It's entirely possible that the low price is legitimate, especially during off-season, but you must consider safety and performance factors. Also, **check any company's references with the Better Business Bureau, <http://www.bbb.org>.**

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## Travel By Plane

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Student travel websites and discount-fares websites offer many good deals, especially when booked well in advance. Trains are another option, but are often as expensive as flying and take a good deal longer. To take advantage of group airfares, team up with other delegations from your area (call your Feminist Majority Choices Campus Organizer to connect with local groups 866-444-2652). Note: if you fly into Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) or Dulles Airport, you will have to take a shuttle in order to get to your housing in D.C.

## Lodging

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Once you get to D.C., there are a variety of places you can stay, depending on your budget and the size of your delegation. Some suggestions:

- ❑ Contact friends or acquaintances at DC-area colleges and ask if they can help find inexpensive lodging or get a room on campus. Also contact women's centers at area universities for lodging resources and talk to people in progressive student groups for other housing options.
- ❑ Call women's groups at local churches and synagogues. Many women will be willing to host two or three students in their homes.
- ❑ AAA or other membership-clubs have discounts at hotels, research rates and group discounts.
- ❑ Have group members contact friends and family who live in the D.C. metro area and inquire about cheap housing options or if they are willing to house students.
- ❑ Inquire about hostels in and around Washington, D.C. For hostel resources, check out [www.hostels.com](http://www.hostels.com).

Travel websites like expedia.com, travelocity.com, orbitz.com, and aaa.com all have hotel listings and special online discounts. Check rates online, and then call a customer service representative about group rates and special deals or promotions.

### SAMPLE BUS TICKET FOR A CAMPUS IN BOSTON:

ONE ROUND-TRIP BUS TICKET: \$XX from Boston to DC, bring a pillow, blanket, and snacks for the tip!

## MARCH ON WASHINGTON TO SAVE WOMEN'S LIVES

DELEGATION BUS LOADING DATE/TIME: Sat, April 24, 11:00pm (we leave at 11:30pm SHARP)  
DELEGATION MEETING PLACE: Flagpoles at Administration Building, Your University  
RETURN DATE/Time: Sunday, April 25, 7:00pm

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