

## Vanderbilt Parents Club

Newsletter



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# STAY AT VANDERBILT AREA HILTON HOTELS



Thank you for registering for our Vanderbilt Parents Club! Our Hilton Family of Hotels want to be your choice of hotel accommodations when visiting your Vanderbilt Student for the duration of their collegiate career at Vanderbilt University. Club membership entitles you to a 15% discount on hotel rooms at THREE different Hilton branded hotels; all conveniently located within blocks of Vanderbilt University!



- In addition to receiving 15% off regular rates at each hotel, members receive one free night after staying ten nights with the club (subject to availability).
- Your student may also be selected to receive Care Packages from the Club during Final Exams week.

Be sure to reserve online by going through the parent site or be sure to tell the representative you speak with that you are a Vanderbilt Parent Club member.



#### Dates with limited availability, book now to reserve your room!

Family Weekend will be September 18-20, 2015 Homecoming weekend will be October 22-24, 2015

Vanderbilt Spring Break is February 28-March 8, 2015

### Spring Break safety tips for your student

#### Pack carefully

Packing for spring break is about more than taking the right clothes and toiletries. Forget the bling

Discourage your student from taking along expensive (or expensive-looking) jewelry or wads of cash that could make them attractive targets for thieves. They also shouldn't take along any unnecessary items they'd regret losing, such as iPods or DVD players.

#### Make copies

Make sure your student provides you with various ways to get in touch with them, a copy of their itinerary and copies of important documents such as their passport. CrimeZilla.com advises that your child should also pack an extra set of passport photos along with a photocopy of their passport information page to make replacement easier in case the passport is lost or stolen.

#### Have I.D.

Your spring breaker should be sure to take all necessary forms of identification with them, as well as information for the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate and a phone number for their tour operator, school travel office or travel agent.

#### Stick with friends you know and trust

Never go out alone or leave a safe place with strangers. Even if you meet people or locals on your trip and they seem friendly, they might not have the best intentions. While indoors, also be careful of going into closed spaces such as elevators and stairwells by yourself.

#### Be a Stranger

Don't give out personal information, or tell strangers what hotel you're staying in or where you're going.

Drink responsibly. If you consume alcohol, make sure you get your drinks directly from the bartender or a person you know and trust. Don't leave your drinks unattended.

#### Go with your gut

Be aware of your surroundings. If you feel like something is amiss, trust your instincts. Display confidence.

#### Lock up

When going to the beach or pool, leave important valuables and documents (especially your passport) in your hotel's safe deposit box, not in your room. Stay safe in your hotel room

Never open your door to anyone you do not know. If the person states they work for the hotel, call the front desk and confirm this before allowing them entry.

#### Choose transportation wisely

Use recommended shuttle services or buses to get around. Only use reputable, licensed taxi services.



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