



## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ATTENDING A TAPING

### **Q) What is the taping schedule for *The Oprah Winfrey Show*?**

A) The taping schedule varies from week to week. There are usually no weekend tapings. The show season usually goes from late August to November and from January to May.

### **Q) What is the age requirement to attend a taping?**

A) You must be 18 years or older to attend a taping. Everyone attending a taping must present a valid ID to enter the studio.

### **Q) Where is the studio located?**

A) Harpo Studios is located in the near west side of Chicago, 10 minutes west of the Loop. We are just west of I-90/94 and north of I-290. The clearly marked audience entrance is located at 1058 W. Washington Blvd., at the corner of Carpenter and Washington streets.

### **Q) Is parking available near the studio?**

A) Street parking and commercial lots are within a short distance of the entrance.

### **Q) What times are Oprah Show tapings?**

A) There are usually two tapings a day. The arrival time for the morning A taping is 7 to 7:30 a.m. The show will be over around 11 a.m. The arrival time for the afternoon B taping is 11 to 11:30 a.m. The show will be over around 3 p.m.

### **Q) What is the dress code?**

A) Please avoid wearing all-white or all-beige clothing. Bright colors look best on camera.

### **Q) Is the studio wheelchair accessible? What if I have special needs?**

A) Harpo Studios is wheelchair accessible. If you have special needs, please inform a staff member upon arrival, and we will be happy to assist you.

### **Q) What if I need to make name changes on my reservations?**

A) If you are only making one name change, you may make that change when you check in for your taping, provided the replacement person adheres to all requirements. If you need to change more than one name on your reservation, you must call 312-633-1000 before the date of the taping and speak to or leave a message for someone from the audience team. Unfortunately, the lead name of the party cannot be changed. If the lead of the party cannot attend, the reservations must be completely canceled.

### **Q) What if I need to cancel my reservations?**

A) If you cannot attend a taping, you should call to cancel your reservations at least 48 hours before the taping. If you don't cancel, you will be unable to apply for any other tapings for the remainder of the season.

### **Q) What do I need to bring with me to the studio on the day of the taping?**

A) Everyone in your party needs to bring a valid photo ID—this is essentially your ticket into the taping.



**Q) What do I do with my coat, cell phone or luggage?**

A) No outerwear, cameras, cell phones or recording devices are permitted in the studio. If you bring these or any similar items with you to the taping, we will check them and return them to you when you leave the studio. Everyone attending the taping must go through a security check before entering the studio. All purses will be thoroughly searched, so please downsize. We DO NOT check in luggage; please have your hotel hold your luggage for you.

**Q) How often can I attend a taping?**

A) You may attend *The Oprah Winfrey Show* no more than once a season (i.e., August 2009 to June 2010), unless specifically asked by a member of our production staff. Once you apply for reservations and they are confirmed, you will no longer be able to request general reservations.

**Q) What happens to my reservations if a show gets canceled? Do I have to wait until the next month and send another reservation request?**

A) Please be aware that reservations are not guaranteed. Shows can be canceled or change at any time. If your show should be canceled or require a specialized audience, we will notify you as soon as possible by e-mail and do our best to reschedule you for another taping without too much inconvenience. If you are visiting from out of town, it may not always be possible to reschedule you to attend another taping during your visit. *The Oprah Winfrey Show* does not reimburse travel expenses due to show cancellations. You won't have to send another reservation request; we will work with you to get you rescheduled to attend another taping.

**Q) Can I bring a gift for Oprah?**

A) No gifts, cards, letters, etc. will be accepted at audience check-in.