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FEDERAL PRISON GUIDE

VISIT PACKET: FCI JESUP

Federal Correctional Institution · Jesup, GA · Phone 912-427-0870

VISITING

VISITING HOURS AND DAYS

WHO	DAYS	HOURS
FCI (medium security)	Sunday and Monday	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Federal Satellite Low (FSL)	Friday and Saturday	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Camp (FPC)	Friday and Saturday	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Special Housing Unit (SHU)	Tuesdays only. Camp 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; FSL 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; FCI 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	See days

The rules give no last-entry time. Camp visitors may not be on the property before 7:30 a.m., and may not get out of their car before 7:45 a.m., or they lose that day's visit. When the room is full, visits can be cut down to a minimum of one hour. In bad weather no one is admitted until the lieutenant says normal operations have resumed.

The rules list no other visiting days. Federal holidays are not mentioned in the 2025 rules. [1]

The BOP's own papers disagree. Jesup's two papers disagree. The visiting rules (May 15, 2025) put FCI visits on **Sunday and Monday**, and FSL and camp visits on **Friday and Saturday**. The handbook (revised February 2016) says visiting is **Saturday, Sunday, Monday and all federal holidays**, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., for everyone. The handbook is older. Also, the rules say 16- and 17-year-olds must be on the list and come with an adult; the handbook says they can come alone with written permission from a parent. Go by the 2025 rules and call 912-427-0870 before you drive.

THE RULES AT THE DOOR: ID, POINTS, WHAT YOU CAN BRING

HOW MANY VISITS	They get **8 visiting points a month**. A weekend or holiday visit costs **2 points**. Points are charged by visiting day, not by visit. Unused points do not carry over. People on holdover get 4 visiting days a month. Legal visits are free. [1]

HOW MANY PEOPLE	No more than **4 adults at one time**. The Unit Manager can approve more in special cases, such as a long trip. A visitor who is on two lists may visit two people at once. [1]
WHO CAN BE ON THE LIST	They must have known you before prison, unless the Warden makes an exception. Children under 16 do not need to be on the list but must come with an approved adult. Children 16 and 17 must be on the list and come with an adult. Everyone 16 or older who is not immediate family gets a criminal background check (NCIC). A visitor with a felony needs the Warden's approval. [1]
ID	The rules say a state-issued **REAL ID** or a government-issued **passport**. The visitors handout in the same document says two forms of ID, one of them a photo ID. Bring both kinds if you can. [1]
SCREENING	At the FCI and FSL everyone passes through the **metal detector** and is stamped on the hand with invisible ink, which staff check under a black light when you leave. A medical implant needs a letter from a licensed medical doctor saying what it is and where. Camp visitors may be screened with a hand-held scanner. [1]
MONEY FOR VENDING MACHINES	Up to **$25.00**, with no bill larger than $5.00. You cannot leave money for their account. [1]
WHAT YOU CAN CARRY	A clear change purse or clear plastic bag no bigger than 6 by 6 by 3 inches; one car key; a comb or brush; jewelry you wear in; a sweater or light jacket; baby items (2 clear empty bottles, up to 6 sealed formula packs, up to 4 sealed baby food containers, 6 diapers, ointment, 1 small blanket, 1 set of clothes); life-maintenance medicine only. Lockers are in the front lobby. [1]
NOT ALLOWED IN	Makeup and lip balm, phones, pagers, cameras, books, magazines, photos, strollers, wallets and purses, sunglasses, hats, hair pins, toys, food and drink, pens, umbrellas, wristwatches, tobacco, gum. [1]
TOUCHING	Handshake, kiss and embrace only at the start and the end of the visit. You may talk only to the person you came to see. [1]
WHAT THEY WEAR	At the FCI and FSL: khaki shirt, pants, belt, socks, underwear and institution orange shoes. At the camp: institution shirt, pants and belt, with personal shoes. At the FCI and FSL they are strip searched before and after. At the camp they are pat searched. [1]
CHILDREN	You must keep control of your children. One warning, then the visit can be ended. [1]
SEX OFFENSE INVOLVING A MINOR	People convicted of a sex offense involving a minor are noted in the visiting system. People with a history of bringing in contraband or breaking visiting rules are given assigned seats. [1]

HOW TO GET ON THE VISITING LIST

1. In their first days, the unit counselor gives your loved one an **Inmate 30-Day Visitation Form**. Immediate family listed in their pre-sentence report (mother, father, stepparent, guardian, sister, brother, children, spouse) can visit for **30 days** from their orientation while the paperwork is done.
2. The counselor gives them an **Authorization for Release (Visitor)** and a **Visitor Information Form** for each

person. The rules print the form number as BP-309. (The BOP's national form is BP-A0629; this is not confirmed in Jesup's papers.) They send them to you.

3. Fill them out, sign them and return them **directly to the unit counselor**. They must arrive within the 30 days, or the temporary approval is suspended.
4. The counselor runs the background check. **They** are told yes or no, and they tell you. Do not drive until you are approved.
5. The rules let them change the list at any time. They do not set a maximum list size.
6. Holdover (passing through): a list is made within 5 working days, immediate family only.

Fill out the visiting form for Jesup

[1]

DRIVING DIRECTIONS (FROM THE BOP)

THE ADDRESS	2600 U.S. Highway 301 South, Jesup, Georgia 31599, just off U.S. Highway 301 South in the southeast part of Jesup. Phone 912-427-0870.
FROM SAVANNAH (ABOUT 65 MILES)	Take Interstate 16 to Interstate 95 South, then exit 14 (Richmond Hill). Turn left on Highway 17 South. Go five miles and turn right onto Highway 196 to Hinesville. From 196, turn onto Highway 84 through Hinesville and Ludowici to Jesup. In Jesup veer left (under the railroad underpass) onto Highway 301 South, which leads to the institution.
FROM JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA (ABOUT 100 MILES)	Take Interstate 95 north to Jesup. In Jesup turn left at the first traffic light onto Highway 301 South, which leads to the institution. From Brunswick it is about 40 miles.
BY AIR	Fly into Brunswick, Georgia, about 50 minutes from the institution. Savannah and Jacksonville have more flights but are farther away. There are car rentals, taxis and limousines at the airports, and two taxi services in Jesup.

Street address for your GPS: 2600 Highway 301 South, Jesup, Ga 31599. [2]

WHAT TO WEAR TO A VISIT

The BOP beats to its own drum. The front desk has the final say. Keep a spare outfit in the car.

FCI JESUP

Rules dated **May 15, 2025** (1 year old)

Official rules (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/jes/jes_visiting.pdf) No Spanish version posted

These rules contradict themselves. When two rules disagree, dress by the stricter one.

Skirts and dresses	Dresses/skirts must extend below the bend of the knee; slits not above knee.
Shorts	Not in the written rules.
Colors to avoid	No khaki or tan clothing resembling inmate attire. No orange pants, shirts or jumpsuits resembling inmate attire.
Leggings, spandex	No tights, spandex tops/bottoms or yoga pants. No form-fitting or overly tight clothing.
Bras and metal	No underwire bras. All women must wear undergarments (bra).
Camouflage, military	No camouflage military clothing. Military must wear Class A or B uniform; no Class C BDUs.
Shoes	No open-toed shoes; only closed-toe, thin-soled shoes. No flip flops, clogs, shower shoes, slippers or slip-ons.
Children	Not in the written rules.

ALL 30 RULES, IN THE BOP'S OWN WORDS

LENGTH AND FIT

- Dresses/skirts must extend below the bend of the knee; slits not above knee.
  BOP wording: "Dresses and skirts must extend below the bend of the knee, splits may not extend above the knee."
- No tank tops or sleeveless shirts.
  BOP wording: "Tank tops, sleeveless shirts, and sheer blouses"
- No low plunging necklines or low-cut backs.
  BOP wording: "Shirts and blouses with low plunging neckline, low cut back or"
- No exposed midriffs.
  BOP wording: "low cut back or exposed midriffs"
- No halter tops/dresses or strapless dresses/tops.
  BOP wording: "Halter tops or halter dresses, strapless dresses/tops, wrap"
- No sheer blouses.
  BOP wording: "sleeveless shirts, and sheer blouses"
- No form-fitting or overly tight clothing.
  BOP wording: "form fitting or overly tight- fitting clothing, yoga pants"
- No tights, spandex tops/bottoms or yoga pants.
  BOP wording: "Tights, spandex-type top or bottom, form fitting or overly tight-"

- No shirts or pants with holes, cuts or tears.
  BOP wording: "Shirts or pants with holes, cuts or tears"
- No sweat suits, sweatpants look-alikes or wind suits.
  BOP wording: "Sweat Suits or clothing resembling sweatpants"

COLORS AND UNIFORMS

- No khaki or tan clothing resembling inmate attire.
  BOP wording: "Khaki, tan- or orange-colored pants, shirts or jump suits that"
- No orange pants, shirts or jumpsuits resembling inmate attire.
  BOP wording: "Khaki, tan- or orange-colored pants, shirts or jump suits that resemble inmate attire"
- No camouflage military clothing.
  BOP wording: "Camouflage military type clothing, will not be permitted"
- Military must wear Class A or B uniform; no Class C BDUs.
  BOP wording: "Military personnel must be dressed in either Class "A" or Class "B" uniform attire."

BRAS, UNDERWEAR AND METAL

- All women must wear undergarments (bra).
  BOP wording: "All women must wear undergarments (bra, etc.)."
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  BOP wording: "All women must wear undergarments (bra, etc.)."
- No underwire bras.
  BOP wording: "the split. ▯ Underwire bras"

SHOES

- No open-toed shoes; only closed-toe, thin-soled shoes.
  BOP wording: "Open Toed Shoes, Flip flops, clogs, shower shoes, slippers, etc. are not allowed in the visiting room."
- No flip flops, clogs, shower shoes, slippers or slip-ons.
  BOP wording: "Open Toes Shoes, Flip flops, bedroom slippers, shower or slip on shoes."

HATS, HOODS AND COATS

- No hats of any type.
  BOP wording: "Hats & Hoods of any type, excluding religious head wear"
- Religious headwear (hijab) allowed.
  BOP wording: "excluding religious head wear "Hijab.""
- No hoods of any type.
  BOP wording: "Hats & Hoods of any type, excluding religious head wear"

EVERYTHING ELSE

- No offensive logos/lettering or gang attire, logos or colors.
  BOP wording: "Gang related to attire, fashions, logos, or colors."
- No heeled footwear or platforms; heels no higher than 1/2 inch.
  BOP wording: "boots with heels no higher than 1/2" (athletic shoes, loafers, decks shoes, etc.)"
- All visitors, including children, must always wear shoes.
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- No sagging pants or clothing.
  BOP wording: "Absolutely no sagging of pants or any other type of clothing by"
- No wrap skirts.
  BOP wording: "strapless dresses/tops, wrap skirts;"
- No capris above mid-calf.
  BOP wording: "Capris above mid-calf"

IF THEY SAY NO

- Visitors in revealing/inappropriate apparel will not be allowed in.
  BOP wording: "Any visitor wearing apparel of a revealing or inappropriate nature will not be allowed to enter the Visitation Area;"
- Final decision on revealing attire is at the institution's discretion.
  BOP wording: "final decision is at the discretion of the Institution."

MAIL AND THE MAILING ADDRESS

Use their committed name exactly as the BOP Inmate Locator shows it. The name and number below are examples (JOHN ANTHONY SMITH-JONES, 12345-678).

JOHN ANTHONY SMITH-JONES
Reg. No. 12345-678
FCI Jesup
2680 301 South
Jesup, Ga 31599

The handbook gives the mailing address as their committed name, register number and **housing unit**, then the institution. Ask your loved one for their unit. The 2016 handbook says outgoing mail must carry a mailing label, and most outgoing mail at the FCI is left unsealed so staff can screen it. [2]

Use exactly this address. Jesup has no P.O. Box for inmate mail.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES	Hardcover books and newspapers may come only from the publisher, a book club or a bookstore. At a medium security prison, soft-cover books and magazines must also come only from the publisher, a book club or a bookstore. At the camp, soft-cover items other than newspapers may come from any source. Put the sender's address on the outside of the package. [2]
PACKAGES	Packages are usually limited to release clothing and must be approved in advance through their Unit Team. [2]
STAMPS	Do not send stamps in with mail to the camp. [2]
WRITING TO OTHER INMATES	Inmate-to-inmate letters (including to people in other prisons and halfway houses) are not allowed without written approval. It is usually limited to immediate family and co-defendants with a case still going. [2]
LEGAL MAIL	They may seal their own legal or special mail and hand it to staff directly. Outgoing legal mail is scanned by x-ray and similar machines but is not read. [2]
MONEY	The mail room will not accept money. Any funds are sent back to you. Money goes to the BOP lockbox in Des Moines, Iowa (see the Money tab). Use their committed name, no nicknames. [2]
MAIL ROOM HOURS	Certified mail and oversized envelopes are handled at the mail room Tuesday and Thursday only. [2]

Books and magazines: at a medium security prison, books and magazines must come straight from a publisher, book club or bookstore (Amazon, for example), never from home.

Sources

1. JES 5267.09, Visiting Regulations (May 15, 2025) bop.gov/locations/institutions/jes/jes_visiting.pdf
2. FCI/FSL/FPC Jesup Admission and Orientation Handbook (revised February 2016) bop.gov/locations/institutions/jes/jes_ao-handbook.pdf