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FEDERAL PRISON GUIDE

VISIT PACKET: FCI YAZOO CITY MEDIUM

Federal Correctional Institution · Yazoo City, MS · Phone 662-716-1241

VISIT CARD · CUT OUT AND KEEP IN THE CAR

WHEN
Friday
The 2019 rules list visiting on Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays.[1]

HOURS
5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Visitors are not allowed into the Administration Building before 4:30 p.m.[1]

VISITS
5 visiting points a month
Each person gets 5 visiting points a month.[1]

WHO CAN COME
5 people at one time
No more than 5 people at one time, any combination: up to 4 adults and up to 4 children.[1]

BRING
Photo ID
Everyone needs a valid photo ID: driver's license, passport, or federal or state photo ID.[1]

CALL FIRST
662-716-1241
Call before you drive, every time.

THE BOP'S OWN PAPERS DISAGREE. The Yazoo City handbook is from **October 2011** and the visiting rules are from **February 18, 2019**. They differ: the handbook says **4 adults and 4 dependent children**, and each visit costs 1 point of the 5 a month; the 2019 rules say **no more than 5 people in total**, with points taken only for weekend visits (none for Friday evenings or holidays). The handbook says holding hands is allowed during the visit; the rules only allow shaking hands, kissing and embracing at the start and the end. Both papers are old. Go by the 2019 rules, and call 662-716-1241 (the number in the BOP facility feed) before you drive.[1]

BEFORE YOU GO: GET ON THE LIST

1. Your loved one asks their counselor for a visiting list. The list holds at most **25 visitors** aged 16 or older. It should be turned in within the first two weeks at the prison.
2. The counselor gives them a **Visitor Information Form (BP-629)** and a notice of the visiting rules for each person, immediate family included. They send these to you.
3. You fill out the form and **mail it back to the counselor**. The prison does not accept completed forms handed in by your loved one.
4. The Unit Team approves or denies each person, ordinarily within **30 days**. The counselor tells your loved one in writing. **They** tell you. Do not drive until you are approved. People with felony convictions can only be approved by the Warden or someone the Warden picks.
5. They can change the list once every **90 days**.
6. Transferred from another prison, or passing through? Approval of people already on the list is ordinarily not needed. Anyone without an approved list can add only immediate family.[1]

AT THE DOOR

FORMS YOU SIGN	At the prison you complete a **Notification to Visitor** form (the rules list it as BP-S224 (52)) in full.[1]
MONEY FOR VENDING MACHINES	Up to **$30.00 in total**, in bills of $5.00 or less. Your loved one may not handle money or use the machines, and money is not accepted for their account.[1]
WHAT YOU CAN CARRY	One clear plastic purse or bag no bigger than 5 inches high by 8 inches long. For a baby: two see-through bottles (one may be a sipper cup), four diapers and one set of baby clothes. Life-maintenance medicine must be left with the visiting room officer until needed. Lockers are in the front lobbies.[1]
NOT ALLOWED IN	Wallets, credit cards, toys, games, lighters, food, drinks (except for infants), too much jewelry, cosmetics, cell phones, pagers, wrist watches, other electronics, gum and keys. No cameras, and no pictures or video on the grounds.[1]
WHAT NOT TO WEAR	No see-through clothes, skin-tight clothes (spandex), low-cut tops, wrap-around skirts, T-shirts, jogging or sweat suits, camouflage, belly shirts, scrubs, hip huggers, camisoles as outerwear, khaki, bathing suits, tube tops, tank tops, open-back shirts, stirrup pants, leggings or body suits. Sleeveless clothes need a jacket. Skirts and dresses must be longer than two inches below the knee, with slits no higher than two inches above the knee. No shorts (children under 16 only). No hats (except babies) and no sagging pants. Shoes must have a back or strap.[1]
TOUCHING	Shaking hands, kissing and embracing within the limits of good taste, only at the start and the end of the visit.[1]
CHILDREN	There is a children's area. Visitors are responsible for their children. Inmates are not allowed in the children's area.[1]
LEAVING	Once you leave the visiting room you cannot come back the same day. If your loved one leaves to eat in the dining hall, the visit is over for that day.[1]
WHEN IT GETS CROWDED	Visits end in this order: volunteers first, then people who visit two or more times a week and live within **50 miles**, then people who live outside the 50-mile radius.[1]

ALL VISITING DAYS AND HOURS

WHERE	DAYS	HOURS
Friday evening (Low and Medium)	Friday	5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Weekend and holidays (Low, Medium and USP)	Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Special Housing Unit (SHU)	Friday, SHU inmates only (Low and Medium 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.; USP 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)	See left

Visitors are not allowed into the Administration Building before 4:30 p.m. on Fridays or before 8:00 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays. On Fridays visitors are not processed after 7:30 p.m. On weekends and holidays visitors are not processed after **2:00 p.m.** at the Low and Medium.[1]

The 2019 rules list visiting on Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays. People passing through ("holdover") at a prison that does not fit their security needs may visit Thursdays, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The rules list "Low," "Medium" and "USP" rows; they do not say which of today's three Yazoo City prisons each row is, so ask your loved one's counselor which applies.

GETTING THERE

The address	FCC Yazoo City is at 2225 Haley Barbour Parkway, Yazoo City, Mississippi. (Phone numbers on the 2019 information sheet: 662-751-4800 Low, 662-751-1020 Medium, 662-716-1241 USP.)
From Jackson (2019 rules, read from a scan)	Take Highway 49 North to Yazoo City, about 37 miles north of Interstate 220. Turn left at the first traffic light in Yazoo City onto North US 49 West (Broadway Street). Follow it for 2.6 miles, then exit right onto MS-3 North for 1.7 miles. Turn left into the institution entrance.
Train	Amtrak: 800-872-7245.

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 YAZOO CITY MEDIUM

Rules dated **February 18, 2019** (7 years old)

Official rules (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/yap/yap_visit.pdf) En español (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/yap/yap_visit_sp.pdf)

7 years old. Ask your loved one to check the copy posted in the unit before you drive.

Skirts and dresses	Skirts/dresses must be longer than 2 inches below the knee. Skirt or dress slits no higher than 2 inches above the knee.
Shorts	No shorts except for children under 16.
Colors to avoid	No khaki clothing or clothing like inmates wear.
Leggings, spandex	No spandex pants/jeans, stirrup pants, leggings or body suits. No skin-tight clothing, including spandex.
Bras and metal	No pants with metal other than necessary rivets, buttons or snaps.
Camouflage, military	No camouflage clothing.
Shoes	Shoes must have a back or strap; no flip-flops or slides.
Children	Children under 16 may wear shorts; infants may wear hats.

ALL 26 RULES, IN THE BOP'S OWN WORDS

LENGTH AND FIT

- Skirts/dresses must be longer than 2 inches below the knee.
  BOP wording: "Skirts and dresses must be longer than two inches below the knee."
- Skirt or dress slits no higher than 2 inches above the knee.
  BOP wording: "Slits in skirts or dresses will not extend higher than two inches above the knee."
- No shorts except for children under 16.
  BOP wording: "No shorts (shorts are allowed for children under 16 only)"
- Sleeveless garments must be covered with a jacket at all times.
  BOP wording: "Sleeveless garments must be covered with a jacket at all times."
- No low-cut shirts or blouses.
  BOP wording: "No see through garments of any kind, skin-tight clothing (including spandex), low cut shirts or"
- No belly shirts exposing the abdomen.
  BOP wording: "No Belly shirts (abdomen exposed), hospital scrubs or medical uniforms."
- No tube tops, tank tops or open-back shirts.
  BOP wording: "No bathing suits, tube tops, tank tops or open back shirts (any clothing that exposes private parts"
- No see-through garments of any kind.
  BOP wording: "No see through garments of any kind, skin-tight clothing (including spandex), low cut shirts or"

- No skin-tight clothing, including spandex.
  BOP wording: "No see through garments of any kind, skin-tight clothing (including spandex), low cut shirts or"
- No spandex pants/jeans, stirrup pants, leggings or body suits.
  BOP wording: "No stirrup pants, leggings or body suits."
- No bathing suits.
  BOP wording: "No bathing suits, tube tops, tank tops or open back shirts (any clothing that exposes private parts"
- No jogging or sweat suits.
  BOP wording: "No Tee shirts, Jogging/Sweat suits, camouflage clothing."

COLORS AND UNIFORMS

- No khaki clothing or clothing like inmates wear.
  BOP wording: "No Khaki clothing or similar to type the inmates wear"
- No camouflage clothing.
  BOP wording: "No Tee shirts, Jogging/Sweat suits, camouflage clothing."

BRAS, UNDERWEAR AND METAL

- No pants with metal other than necessary rivets, buttons or snaps.
  BOP wording: "No pants with any metal other than necessary rivets, buttons or snaps."
- Excessive jewelry is not permitted.
  BOP wording: "Excessive amount of jewelry"

SHOES

- Shoes must have a back or strap; no flip-flops or slides.
  BOP wording: "All visitors are to wear shoes with a back or strap around back (no flip-flops or slides)."

HATS, HOODS AND COATS

- No hats or caps, except for infants.
  BOP wording: "No Hats or caps (except for infants)"
- Religious headgear allowed but subject to search.
  BOP wording: "No headgear, other than religious, allowed in the Visiting Room. All religious headgear or wigs are"
- Wigs are subject to search before entry.
  BOP wording: "No headgear, other than religious, allowed in the Visiting Room. All religious headgear or wigs are"

CHILDREN

- Children under 16 may wear shorts; infants may wear hats.
  BOP wording: "No shorts (shorts are allowed for children under 16 only)"

EVERYTHING ELSE

- No clothing with vulgar or offensive words or pictures.
  BOP wording: "Articles of clothing displaying any wording or pictures deemed vulgar or offensive are not permitted."
- No clothing resembling gang affiliation.
  BOP wording: "No clothing resembling any type of gang affiliation."
- No tee shirts, hospital scrubs, hip huggers, camisoles as outerwear, or sagging pants.
  BOP wording: "No Belly shirts (abdomen exposed), hospital scrubs or medical uniforms."

IF THEY SAY NO

- Provocative attire is reason to deny or preclude visiting.
  BOP wording: "Provocative attire, worn by men or women, is reason to deny and/or preclude visiting."
- IDO or Operations Lieutenant may end visits for improper dress.
  BOP wording: "NOTICE: The IDO or Operations Lieutenant has the authority to terminate any visit due to improper dress,"

MAIL AND THE MAILING ADDRESS

Your full name
Your street address
City, State ZIP

STAMP

Their committed name, exactly as the BOP Inmate Locator shows it

Reg. No. _____-___
FCI Yazoo City Medium
P.O. Box 5000
Yazoo City, MS 39194

The envelope, filled in. Their name and number must match the BOP Inmate Locator exactly.[2]

The BOP feed gives the inmate mailing address as **P.O. Box 5000, Yazoo City, MS 39194**. Put their name, register number and unit on the envelope. (The 2011 handbook has separate ZIP+4 codes for Low and for Medium.)[2]

> **USE THE P.O. BOX ONLY.** Never mail to the street address.

THE MAIL RULES

MAIL DAYS	First-class mail is handed out Monday through Friday evenings, except holidays. There is no mail service on weekends or holidays.[2]
HOW MUCH	No limit on the number of letters, unless it becomes an unreasonable burden. Put their register number and unit on the envelope.[2]
PACKAGES	Every package needs approval first, or must be marked on the front with its contents if policy allows it (like "Magazines Enclosed").[2]
BOOKS AND MAGAZINES	Hardcover books and newspapers must come from a publisher, book club or bookstore. At medium, high-security and administrative prisons, soft-cover items must also come only from those sources. At minimum and low-security prisons, soft-cover items (other than newspapers) may come from any source.[2]
THEIR LETTERS TO YOU	Outgoing letters go in the unit mailbox. The envelope needs their name, register number, the full spelling of the institution and a return address.[2]
MONEY	Never put money in a letter. Funds go to the BOP lockbox: Federal Bureau of Prisons, [Register Number], [Name], Post Office Box 474701, Des Moines, Iowa 50947-0001. Anything enclosed with a money order or check is thrown away.[2]

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