HELPFUL PACKING TIPS
January in Washington D.C. is cold! The average temperature during the day when the new President takes the Oath of Office is around 37, with a wind chill below freezing. With that in mind, here are some helpful packing tips to keep you warm and comfortable during the Inaugural events.

- Put your full name on all personal items.
- Don’t over pack! A common mistake is to take too many clothes, unnecessary toiletries, etc. You must be able to carry your own luggage. Usually one suitcase and a backpack are sufficient.
- Be sure to follow the TSA restrictions on the amount of liquids or gels that can be packed in carry-on bags. You can bring a single 1- quart-sized zip-top clear plastic bag with 3.4-ounce bottles or less.
- Don’t forget that WorldStrides doesn’t cover checked baggage fees. To avoid these fees, you may bring a carry-on suitcase and a backpack on the plane at no extra cost.
- If traveling by air, adults (18 years and older) must carry a picture ID (driver’s license, ID card, passport, etc.) that matches the name on your ticket.

WHAT TO BRING
- Warm winter coat
- Rain jacket with hood or poncho that can fold into a pocket or bag
- Trash bag (to sit on in case of rain)
- Re-sealable plastic zipper bag to carry personal items through security checkpoints
- Scarf & hat/earmuffs
- Close-fitting layers: several thin layers insulate better than a few thick layers
  - Thermal shirt, flannel, sweater, pull-over jacket, turtleneck
- Hand and feet warmers
- Insulated gloves
- Season-appropriate clothing (one set per day)
- Sleepwear
- Undergarments/heavy socks (fleece, wool, or isowool is best)
- Insulated, waterproof boots
- Spending money (about $50)
- Sunscreen and sunglasses
- Camera and charger/batteries
- Cell phone and charger
- Picture ID (if applicable)
- Toiletries
- Small backpack or daypack
- Plastic water bottle that fits in pack
- Snack for Inauguration day (cereal or power bar)

OPTIONAL ITEMS
- Travel alarm clock/watch
- Dramamine pills
- Snacks for plane ride
- Postage stamps for postcards