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### GAINESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT PREPARES FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY TRAVELERS

**GAINESVILLE, Fla** – Nov. 16, 2006 – Gainesville Regional Airport is preparing for the Thanksgiving holiday travelers and will serve breakfast to approximately 600 passengers on Tuesday, Nov. 21 and Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority Board Members and employees will offer food and beverages beginning at 5:45 a.m. in the gate area beyond the screening check-point and help get residents of North Central Florida off to a good holiday start. State Representative Larry Cretul and State Representative Chuck Chestnut will also be greeting passengers on Wednesday.

The early-morning hours are among the airport's busiest times due to the fact that Continental Connection, Delta Connection and US Airways Express all have flights departing around the same time.

**Gainesville Regional Airport and the Transportation Security Administration offer the following tips for holiday travelers:**

1. **Arrive early** — Travelers should arrive at the Airport at least 1 hour before their flight departs.
2. **Be prepared for the security checkpoint.** Before proceeding through the security checkpoint, travelers should remove coats, jackets, blazers and shoes.
3. **Keep boarding passes and photo IDs out and visible** until you have exited the security checkpoint.
4. **Air travelers can carry liquids, gels and aerosols** in their carry-on bag when going



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through security checkpoints. With certain exceptions for prescription and over-the-counter medicines, baby formula and breast milk, and other essential liquids, gels, and aerosols, the following rules apply to all liquids, gels, and aerosols you want to carry through a security checkpoint.

- All liquids, gels and aerosols must be in three-ounce or smaller containers. Larger containers that are half-full or toothpaste tubes rolled up are not allowed. **Each container must be three ounces or smaller.**
- All liquids, gels and aerosols must be placed in a single, quart-size, zip-top, clear plastic bag. Gallon size bags or bags that are not zip-top such as fold-over sandwich bags are not allowed. **Each traveler can use only one, quart-size, zip-top, clear plastic bag.**
- Each traveler must remove their quart-sized plastic, zip-top bag from their carry-on and place it in a bin or on the conveyor belt for X-ray screening. X-raying separately will allow TSA security officers to more easily examine the declared items.



5. **All metal objects** should be placed in carry-on luggage or in the containers provided by the TSA at the checkpoint. For more information on what to pack and what not to pack visit <http://www.tsa.gov/public/>.
6. Scissors with a cutting edge of 4 inches or less and tools such as screwdrivers, wrenches, and pliers smaller than 7 inches in length **will be permitted** on board.
7. **Lighters will continue to be banned** from the cabin of an aircraft and checked baggage.
8. **Leave gifts unwrapped**, as they may need to be opened and are subject to search.

### **About Gainesville Regional Airport**

Gainesville Regional Airport serves North Central Florida and the Heart of Florida through all facets of aviation: general aviation, commercial airlines, military and air cargo. Located in Gainesville, Florida, approximately 70 miles southwest of Jacksonville and just minutes away from the University of Florida, Gainesville Regional Airport provides a close, convenient and competitively priced “gateway” to the Heart of Florida. For more information, visit [www.flygainesville.com](http://www.flygainesville.com) or contact Michelle Danisovszky at (352) 373-0249.

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