Security precheck at concerts means shorter lines













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HOW IT WORKS

- Bring a government-issued identification, plus proof of U.S. citizenship such as a passport or birth certificate, to the TSA Precheck booth at Ozzfest between noon and 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at San Manuel Amphitheater in De-
- Get fingerprinted.
- Pay a fee of \$85.
- After you are issued a Known Traveler Number in about 10 days, use that number to use shorter, priority screening lines at concerts at San Manuel and for air travel for five years.
- Website: identogo.com/livenation

IF YOU GO

What: Ozzfest

Who: Heavy-metal bands such as Black Sabbath, Disturbed, Megadeth, Black Label Society and more than a dozen others.

When: Sept. 24-25, 11 a.m.

Where: San Manuel Amphitheater, Devore

Website/tickets: Ozzfest.com

The company that reduces the wait time in TSA airport lines for pre-screened travelers is now offering those same people a priority line at concerts – including those at San Manuel Amphitheater in Devore – and is negotiating to some day expand the benefit to sporting events.

Those attending the two-day Ozzfest on Saturday, Sept. 24, can sign up inside for TSA Precheck. Applicants who pass the background check – the process takes up to 10 days - will be issued a Known Traveler Number that can be used to bypass the public line and instead use a shorter line during the 2016-17 season at San Manuel.

Anyone attending Ozzfest this Saturday and Sunday who already has a Known Traveler Number may use the priority line, where they will face the usual concert screening for weapons, drugs and other prohibited items but won't have to wait in as long a line to be screened. Airport-style screening will not be in effect.

"People don't want to stand in long lines and wait," said Charlie Carroll, senior vice president for Nashville, Tennessee-based MorphoTrust, the parent company of IdentoGo, which provides the TSA Precheck service. "If you are going to use a fast pass at airports, why not use it at concerts and other events?"

Carroll said the company is negotiating with sports organizations to bring what is branded as the "Fast Pass by IdentoGO" line to those events. He declined to identify the organizations.

Members of TSA Precheck bypass the normal lines at airports. They pass through metal detectors and must remove their cell phones and keys from their pockets, but they do not have to remove their shoes, coats and belts, show the liquids that are in approved containers or open their laptop computers.

The cost for the service is \$85, and it is good for five years.

Carroll noted the nightmare TSA lines at some airports this summer and described TSA Precheck as "the best-kept secret in the country for anybody who flies."

Anyone signing up at Ozzfest must bring a government-issued photo identification, along with proof of U.S. citizenship such as a passport or birth certificate, and complete a 10-minute fingerprinting process.

A conviction for a violent crime would disqualify the applicant, Carroll said, as would being on a terrorism no-fly list. A drug conviction would not disqualify someone.

The special line has already been used at some concerts back east and is planned for the Route 91 Harvest Country Music Festival in Las Vegas, Sept. 30-Oct. 2.

RVs outfitted to provide TSA Precheck services will roll up and down both coasts before long, Carroll said.

"We're looking at all those applications where we can take it to the next step," Carroll said.

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