

Safari Sleepover Chaperone Guide

What to Bring

BRING

Sleeping Bag
Pillow
Sleeping pad (optional)
Change of clothes
Hairbrush or comb
Toothpaste and toothbrush
Tasteful pajamas appropriate
for mixed company

DON'T BRING

Cots
Flashlights
Electronic media
Cell Phones*
Night Gowns

Carry all belongings in ONE backpack or bag. To minimize lost items, clearly mark every piece of equipment or gear with your group name.

* We request that only adults use air mattresses and that they are limited to twin sizes.

Cell Phones:** Adult chaperones ***only may bring cell phones and may be used for **emergencies only**. Please restrict non-emergency calls. Staff may request to hold cell phones that have been used inappropriately. All emergency communications must go through Zoo personnel.

Safari Sleepover participants sleep on the carpeted floor in our Discovery Center. Beds or cots are not available.

Discovery Center has large restrooms, dressing rooms and showers are not available.

Prior to Arrival

- Please make and wear nametags
- Please remind campers to bring their medical history and permission forms with them to Safari Sleepover.
- Please be sure to fill out and bring the master list of participants and your registration confirmation.

Time and Place – Arrival procedure

- Use the **South Gate** zoo entrance (see map)
- Registration is from 6:00 pm until 6:45 pm.
- Be prepared to show registration confirmation to the person at the gate
- You will be directed to the Northeast Discovery Center parking lot
- Bring campers and gear into the Discovery Center lobby where you will meet and check-in with the Safari instructors.

- If you arrive late, the security person at the gate will radio staff to alert them to your arrival. You will need to wait at the gate until your arrival has been communicated to overnight staff.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is expected of the group chaperone?

As a group leader you are an active participant in Brookfield Zoo's Safari Sleepover and responsible for your group **at all times**. Your group should be prepared to cooperate and interact positively with other participants and zoo staff.

Where do we sleep?

Participants will be sleeping in our Discovery Center Orientation Theatre or classrooms. The rooms are heated and carpeted. There are large bathrooms in the Discovery Center.

How many people will be participating in the Safari Sleepover?

There will be up to 150 participants sharing the night's adventure with other groups of similar age.

Who cleans up?

All participants are responsible for cleaning their sleeping area, as well as properly disposing all trash.

What if someone needs to leave the zoo during the Safari Sleepover?

Participants (both children and adults) are allowed to leave zoo grounds in case of an emergency or by pre-arrangement and **must** be escorted by zoo staff. Please tell your instructors at check-in if you know of an early departure so they can make arrangements. **There are no refunds due to early departures.**

What do we do in case of an emergency?

If an emergency arises with a Safari Sleepover participant contact one of the zoo staff. They will radio zoo security. If there is an emergency at home, your family should call the group chaperone cell phone. If the group chaperone can not be reached please call the South Gate at 708-688-8825 and have them radio the camp staff.

Can we bring food or beverages?

No, we ask that you bring no food or beverages with you into the park. Any coolers or food items will be confiscated. You will be enjoying food provided by the zoo's catering staff, as listed in your registration. If one of your participants has special dietary needs please contact us in advance.

What animals will we see?

There's no guarantee of what animals we'll see in our adventures around the zoo. As in the wild, animals may choose to remain hidden, or off exhibit for a number of reasons. But if you're quiet, there's a chance you'll catch site of wild animals, both on exhibit, and local wildlife too!

Where can I find lost articles?

Lost articles will be taken to the main Security Office at the south end of the zoo. Call 708-688-8811 and ask for Lost and Found.

**Other Questions?
Call Subscription Programs Office at
(708) 688-8418, or (708) 688-8361**