



Group leaders: please share this information with your adult chaperones

IDEAS FOR BEING A GREAT CHAPERONE

Chaperones are key to making your Nocturnal Adventure at the Cincinnati Zoo an educational success! Your role will help participants experience their overnight to the fullest, as you assist the instructors in leading your group.

Please learn the educational objectives of your program and ask the instructors how you can help meet these goals. Try to involve everyone as you encourage participants to listen, ask questions, and observe.

Be sure you are aware of the program schedule, as well as the location of important facilities, such as restrooms and fire exits in the Education and Manatee Springs buildings.

Participants will reflect your attitude and behavior. By respecting the Zoo, its animals, grounds, and visitors, your group will exhibit similar behavior. Please familiarize yourself with the following guidelines for appropriate behavior:

- For the well-being of the animals, please don't tease them, throw things into their exhibit, feed them, tap on the glass, make excessive noise, or disturb them with flashlights, or flash photography (except during designated activities).
- Know which participants are in your group and keep them together. Please stay on the walkways, and behind barriers and off fences and rocks.
- **This is a non-smoking facility; you will not be permitted to smoke during your stay here.**
- Please respect Zoo facilities. Do not eat, drink, or chew gum in indoor exhibits. Participants will be allowed to eat and drink only during snack time and breakfast in designated areas.
- Your calm and attentive behavior will encourage participants to have fun and learn at the same time.
- While the Zoo is closed, guests (including adults) are permitted on Zoo grounds **only** with an accompanying Cincinnati Zoo employee.
- **Behavior/Damages:** The Zoo reserves the right to end a program and require guests to leave for unruly or dangerous behavior. Groups will be billed for damages to Zoo equipment or facilities. In the evening, chaperones are completely responsible for their group's behavior. While you are asleep if there are behavioral issues with your group, you are required to step in.
- Please refrain from using cell phones, unless there is an emergency. Silent or vibrate settings are suggested.