

“What do we need to know?”

Itinerary and Group Dynamics

Please read carefully!

Beginning of the Evening:

6:45 pm- Arrive at the Zoo and meet instructors at the Education Building.

*** Your class will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Please plan on arriving by 6:45 pm. If you are late, we might need to shorten your first activity in the Zoo.

The Cincinnati Zoo’s Education Department has moved! We are in a new (and improved) education building. When you arrive, you will need to enter at the Erkenbrecker Gate, located around the corner from the main Zoo entrance. (Map attached)

If you are attending any overnight (Manatees, Adaptations or Wolf Woods) please have the leader check in with the Assistant Coordinator that evening before unpacking your vehicle. Some groups will still need to drive to another location in the Zoo.

Program Specifics:

7:00-11:00 pm- Depending on your overnight your group will:

- Night Hike
- Play Games
- Discover Biofacts
- Participate in Group Activities
- Take a Sneak Peak Behind the Scenes

* All Groups will meet a few of our animal ambassadors and tour buildings!

Snack Time:

9:00/ 9:30 pm- Evening Snack for Sleep with the Manatees

10:00/ 10:30 pm- Bedtime Snack for Animal Adaptations and Wolf Woods

* * We **highly** suggest that groups bring food choices that have low sugar contents, due to the late nature of this snack, we hope the children will wind down in preparation for bed. This snack is not intended to supplement dinner and we will no longer be ordering pizzas for groups.

Bedtime:

11:00- Your students will need to bring:

- A sleeping bag (or the like)
- Their toiletries
- A **SINGLE** air mattress (for the New Education building) - if they have them
- And a change of clothes to sleep in.

Let them know that they are carrying what they bring, so pack light!

10:30/ 11:00 Adaptations and Wolf Woods- Video/ Lights Out
11:00/ 11:30 Sleep with the Manatees- Video/ Lights Out

MORNING SCHEDULE :

- 7:00-7:30-** Wake up, Pack up and Head out!
- 7:30-8:30-** Breakfast (outdoors in good weather)
Milk, cereal, bananas or oranges, juice, coffee, and tea provided
- 8:30-9:00-** Due to requests for more Zoo activities, we have added a morning show with the bird show or the cat show designed for these overnights.
- 9:00-** Program ends. You are welcome to stay in the Zoo on your own for the remainder of the day!

Group Dynamics for the New Education Center:

Our new building is designed around the small class approach. Your group will need to be split into smaller groups of fifteen total people, *including* chaperones. These groups will remain separate for most of the night and also while they sleep. Therefore you **must** have 1 chaperone per room; we will not be with the group during the nighttime.

Before you come, you should decide these groups. When you arrive, the children should know which chaperone they need to follow to their assigned room. Stickers differentiating group one, two, three, etc. will help us know who is going where. If we have a few extras, we will help split them up between the classrooms.

Thank you for trying out Nocturnal Adventures! You are going to have a great night! If you have any other questions please don't hesitate to call me!

Best Regards,

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