



# WELCOME



## After Hours Program Information Packet

Overnight Adventures:

Zoo After Dark: Adult 21+ Overnight Adventure

Questions? Call us at [513-559-7730](tel:513-559-7730) or email [education@cincinnati-zoo.org](mailto:education@cincinnati-zoo.org).

To directly reach the Program Manager or Supervisor after 5:00pm the evening of your program, please call [513-236-0156](tel:513-236-0156).



**Note:** Many people choose to eat dinner in advance of the program. We will provide light bites charcuterie from Urban Stead Cheese during the social hour, and s'mores at the end of the night, but this may not be a substantial dinner to some folks. So take that into account for the evening!

## Packet Information

Please forward and share this packet with anyone that is attending the overnight.

This packet includes information about:

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See any FAQs on our website at <https://cincinnati-zoo.org/afterhoursguide/>

## Packing Checklist:

The sleeping arrangements for this program are a shared outdoor safari tents that overlook our Giraffe Ridge habitat. Each tent sleeps 10 people with military-style bunk bed cots. See the image included for what this setup looks like.

Please note: no showers are available, and bedding is not provided.

Outlets are located in each tent.

### **Required Items for ALL overnight programs**

- Closed-toed shoes (boots, sneakers)
- No flip flops/sandals (this is a rule for our special behind-the-scenes moment)
- Weather appropriate clothing, including coats/hats/gloves, raincoats, umbrella, poncho or any other outerwear to be comfortable throughout the night.
- Sleeping bags/sheets/blankets/pillow
- Toothbrush, Toothpaste
- Refillable Water Bottle
- Other Clothes
- Change of clothes for next day
- Pajamas

### **Other Personal Items**

- Personal power bank to charge cell phones. Outlets are in each tent, but some people prefer this to keep their cell phone close.
- Deodorant
- Contacts/glasses & contact solution
- Brush/comb
- Face wash/Washcloth
- Bug spray/Sunscreen
- Phone charger or charging pack. Outlets are located in each sleeping space.

### **Please Do Not Bring:**

- Tobacco/E-Cigarettes/Vapes, Alcohol, Weapons or Firearms regardless of if the individual has a conceal/carry permit.
- Toy weapons.
- Shoes with "heelys" or skates.



### **Snacks**

- A s'mores roast is included at the end of the night. Let us know if you need any allergy-friendly items so we can have them in advance. You can also bring an additional snack to eat during this time if you wish.

**\* Please note that food cannot be delivered to the Zoo. All items must be brought in with you.**

### **Reminders:**

- The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden is a smoke-free environment. So, there is no smoking permitted anywhere in the zoo.
- The Zoo has a Zero Tolerance Bullying Policy. Guests must be kind to Zoo staff, no foul/hurtful/discriminatory language, and no violence against our staff or fellow guests, plants, and animals allowed.

***\*The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden is not responsible for lost/stolen items***



# ITINERARY



## Rough itinerary for the evening:

- Arrival: 5:45-6:00pm
  - Get checked in, collect your drink tickets, and take your sleeping items to your assigned tent (we will tell you all that when you arrive!)
- Social Hour: 6:00-7:00pm
  - Hang out, pull up a chair, and get to know our Twiga Tented Camp where you will be spending the night!
  - We will have a special visitor from the keeper team who will bring an Animal Ambassador friend. This animal varies depending on the keeper and who their favorite animal is. It's a surprise for us all!
  - Light Bite charcuterie will be provided from Urban Stead Cheese, so snack away!
  - Redeem your 2 drink tickets (wine, beer and soda).
  - Zoo Games and Self-Guided Trivia will be around, including the activity "Who Killed My Goat?!"
- Zoo Tour: 7:00-9:00pm
  - You will break into groups and be paired with a Zoo Educator who will take you around the zoo to a few of our favorite spots. This includes going behind the scenes of our Hippo Barn!
- Animal Encounters: 9:00-9:45pm
  - When we get back to the Education Center, we will meet three animal ambassadors up close and personal in our classroom space.
- Campfire Time: 9:45-10:15pm
  - We will end the night around the fire where we will provide s'mores to roast.
  - *\*Note: You are welcome to bring an additional snack to eat during the campfire time if you'd like. We understand that some folks like to have a less sugary snack before bed! But we recommend keeping this minimal and easy to eat.*
- Bedtime: 10:15-10:30pm roughly
  - Get ready for bed, brush teeth, change, and get cozy thinking about your adventure. Please be respectful of others who are resting during this time, which includes the animals around you.

## Morning:

- Wake up, get ready, pack up your cars and enjoy the provided breakfast: 7am-8:30am
  - Enjoy a continental breakfast of muffins, assorted pastries, oatmeal, granola bars, fresh fruit, yogurt, and variety of bagels and English muffins along with juice and coffee.
- Animal Visitor from our Zookeepers: 8:30-9am
- At 9am the program ends and you are welcome to enjoy the zoo free of charge, or get in your car and go home. The decision is yours!

## Leaving early

If anyone in your group needs to leave earlier than 9am, please let us know! We can coordinate the gates being opened to allow them to leave.





# DIRECTIONS



## Arrival

Please enter this into your GPS to get to the **Education Parking Lot:**

52 Erkenbrecher Ave  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

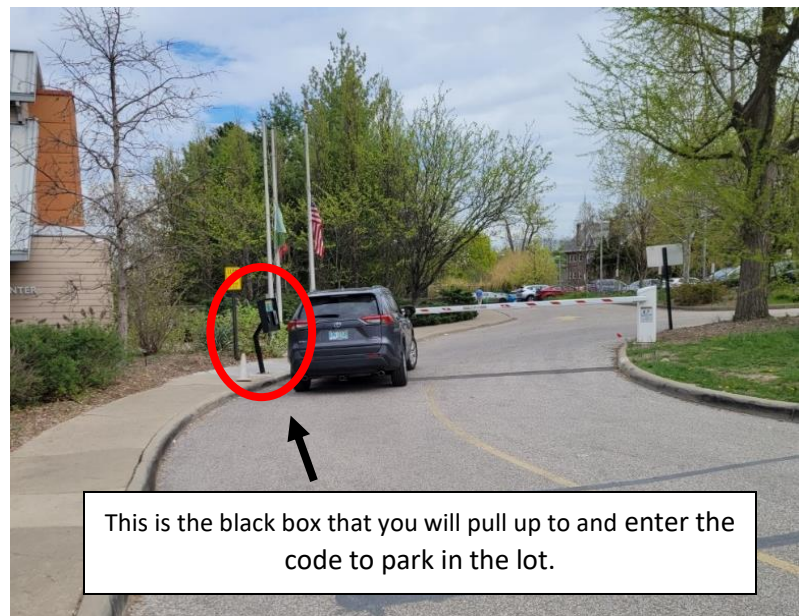
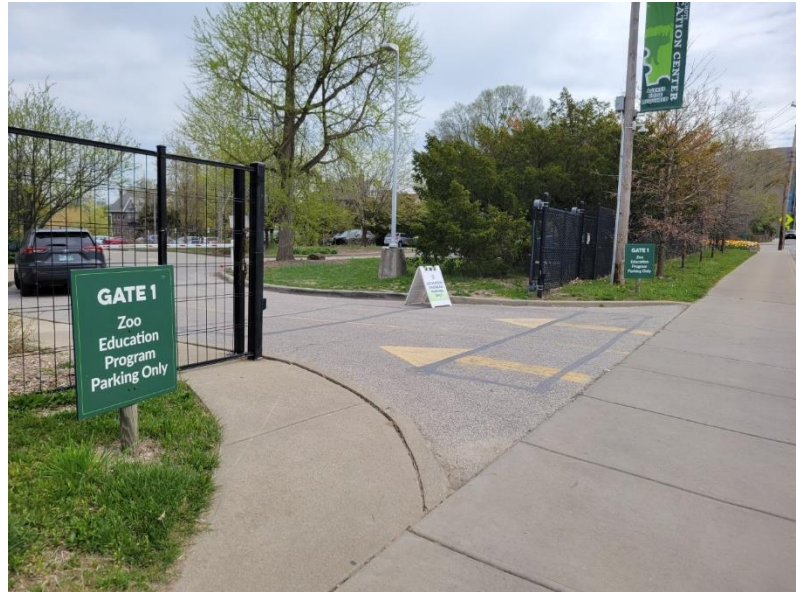
Do *NOT* enter Cincinnati Zoo into the GPS because that will take you to one of the main parking lots, and that is not the correct place.

Participants should arrive 15-minutes prior to program start time. If you are running late, please contact us at (513)-236-0156. We cannot accommodate arrivals after 7:30pm.

You will park/enter the Zoo through **Gate 1: Zoo Education Program Parking Only**. This is a private lot separate from the main Zoo parking lots. It often has a sign that says, "Education Program Parking Only" on an A-frame sign. This lot located on the corner of Erkenbrecher Avenue and Dury Avenue. Please see the map at the end of this packet for directions to this lot.

When you pull in, you will see a big gate arm and a small black box on the left side of the driveway. Pull up to that black box. Enter the code that was emailed to the Main Contact to your group. They should provide this for you in advance. Enter that code, and press the pound sign, and park anywhere in the lot.

\*Please note that the doors to the Education Center will remain locked until 5:45pm to allow time for the Overnight Staff to prepare for your program. So if you arrive early, please wait in your car until that time.



This is the black box that you will pull up to and enter the code to park in the lot.



# POLICIES



## Reschedule and Cancellation Policy:

Programs happen rain or shine. No refunds given for programs cancelled by the participant within two weeks of the program. A refund will be granted if cancelled more than two weeks prior to your program date.

The Zoo reserves the right to cancel a program. Every effort will be made to contact registrants if this occurs. Refunds will be given in the event of Cincinnati Zoo cancellation.

If you can no longer attend a program, please contact our Education Registrars at [513-559-7730](tel:513-559-7730) or email [education@cincinnati-zoo.org](mailto:education@cincinnati-zoo.org).

## Behavior and Damages

The Zoo reserves the right to end a program and require participants to leave for unruly or dangerous behavior. Guests will be billed for damages to Zoo property.

## Alcohol, Drugs and Firearms

Outside alcohol, drugs and firearms are not permitted on grounds at any time. This is a non-smoking facility; no one will be permitted to smoke/vape on Zoo grounds.

## General Program Policies

Our experienced staff will explain and enforce rules during the program.

- Please respect the rocks, rails & roots! Always stay on the walkways in the Zoo, behind barriers, off fences and rocks, and out of plant areas.
- For the animals' well-being, please do not tap on the habitats' glass or throw things into habitats. Always respect the animals and their space, especially when they are getting their rest at night.
- Please respect Zoo facilities and leave each space as you found it.
- While the Zoo is closed, all guests (including adults) are permitted on Zoo grounds ONLY with an accompanying Zoo employee.
- Please set your cell phone to silent or vibrate and avoid using it unless there is an emergency. You can use your phones for pictures but are encouraged to experience the moment without viewing it through a screen.
- If anyone gets sick in the middle of the program, they will be asked to leave. This is best for everyone involved to maintain a great experience and keep everyone safe and healthy.
- Bicycles, skates, Heelys, hoverboards, skateboards, roller blades and scooters are not permitted on Zoo grounds. Guests must be kind to Zoo staff, no foul/hurtful/discriminatory language, and no violence against our staff or fellow guests, plants, and animals allowed. You may be asked to leave if anyone in your group breaks this rule.



**RESPECT THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS.**

## Media Release Agreement

By participating in a Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden program, all participants grant the Zoo permission to use and publish photographs, video, or audio, written statements and/or verbal interviews from participants. The Zoo is allowed all rights, title, and interest in the finished work and may transfer or broadcast the same to any individual, business, TV, radio station, or print media.





# DIRECTIONS



**Please Enter this in the GPS to get to the Harold C Schott Education Parking Lot:**  
52 Erkenbrecher Ave  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220



**FROM I-75 NORTH:**

Take I-75 North to the Mitchell Ave. Exit (Exit 6).  
Turn right onto Mitchell Ave.  
\*Follow Mitchell Ave. to Vine St.  
Turn right on Vine St. at the light. (Walgreens is on the right.)  
Follow Vine St. for approximately 1.4 miles.  
Turn left onto Erkenbrecher Ave. at the light.  
Turn left into the Education Lot/Gate 1 (½ block down on left).

**FROM I-75 SOUTH:**

Take I-75 South to the Mitchell Ave. Exit (Exit 6).  
Turn left onto Mitchell Ave.  
Follow directions above from \*.

**FROM I-74:**

Take I-74 East to I-75 North and follow directions for "From I-75 North".

**FROM I-71 NORTH:**

Take I-71 North to the Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Exit (Exit 3).  
\*\*Turn right onto Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. and follow for approximately 1.2 miles.  
Turn right onto Vine St. and follow for approximately ¾ mile.  
Turn right onto Erkenbrecher Avenue at the light.  
Turn left into the Education Lot/Gate 1 (½ block down on left.)

**FROM I-71 SOUTH:**

Take I-71 South to the Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Exit (Exit 3B).  
Follow directions above from \*\*

## Overnight Adventure Merchandise:

Exclusive items only for folks who spend the night at the Zoo! These items are sold during snack time in the evening. We do our best to keep items in stock, but cannot promise sizing or availability.

We accept credit cards or cash (\$20 bills or lower).

We unfortunately cannot ship items.

Overnight T-shirts (they glow in the dark!) on a heathered navy shirt: \$25

Sizes Youth Small – Adult 3XL



Round 2.5inch Patches: \$4



Pop-It Keychains: \$5





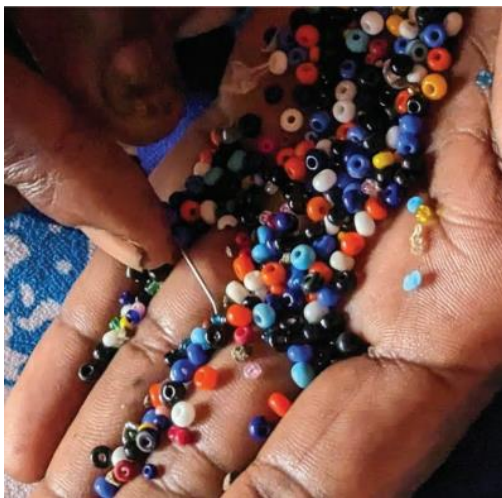
## Maasai Beadwork:

During a few of the programs here at the zoo, we talk about the amazing beadwork created by the SORALO's Women's Groups. When you purchase beads, you are contributing to a healthy community of people and wildlife. SORALO, a Zoo partner for almost 20 years, builds thriving landscapes for pastoralists and wildlife in Kenya. Maasai women in these communities craft beadwork as a celebration of their culture. Proceeds of bead sales are reinvested by the women into community needs such as school support, public health programs, and wildlife coexistence work and research.

Learn more about this initiative here:

<https://youtu.be/290rOTIKK0k>

<https://soralo.org/>



## Pricing:

Single Bracelet: \$5

Set of 3 Bracelets: \$14

Set of 5 Bracelets: \$20

Single Necklace: \$8

Set of 2 Necklaces: \$15

Set of 3 Necklaces: \$25