

# Parent/Chaperone Guidelines



Thank you for choosing to accompany your child on a Safari Sleepover at the Santa Barbara Zoo! Parents and chaperones are an important part of any overnight experience, and we look forward to working with you.

Please adhere to the following parent/chaperone guidelines during your Sleepover:

- Parents/chaperones must accompany the group through the entire program. Under no circumstances may parents/chaperones leave the group to tour the Zoo alone.
- Parents/chaperones are expected to escort children to the restroom throughout the program, including during the night.
- Parents/chaperones are expected to help enforce Zoo policies and rules and to help with child management during your program. For the safety of the group, parents/chaperones must follow the instructions of Safari instructors.
- We encourage everyone, including parents/chaperones, to participate in activities. If you choose not to participate, please make an effort to ensure that you are not distracting others who would like to participate.
- No smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages is allowed during overnights.
- Please do not bring electronics other than cell phones and flashlights, including iPods, radios, or televisions.
- Running and horseplay are not allowed during your Sleepover unless specifically permitted by an instructor.
- Please make sure that your cell phone is turned on and all families have a chaperone cell phone number to call in case of emergency.
- Help us keep everyone safe by making sure that Safari instructors are aware of any allergies or medical conditions in your group.
- If you are bringing your own tent, please be familiar with how to set it up. Our instructors are happy to help, but we generally have many more tents than instructors.
- Plan to be up late. Evening activities generally end around 10:30 p.m., and we aim to have everyone in sleeping bags by midnight.
- Have fun! We strive to make overnights a great experience for parents/chaperones and children alike.



## Parent/Chaperone Information

- Please help ensure a safe and enjoyable visit for your group. Group leaders and chaperones are expected to enforce important policies regarding the safety of people and animals, as well as Zoo property.
- Please make sure that all of your families have your cell phone number in case of emergency, and please keep your cell phone turned on throughout the night. Parents will not be able to call the Zoo during the night.
- The program begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. Please try to arrive on time. If you arrive in Santa Barbara early, there is a beach with restrooms right down the street at the end of Niños Drive. Tent setup time is included in the program.
- Please encourage your participants to pack lightly so they are able to carry their belongings with ease. Please plan to carry all of your belongings to Cabrillo Lawn.
- The bathroom is located a short walk from all of the sleeping locations.
- If you are sleeping indoors in the classroom, please bring individual camping pads instead of air mattresses as space is limited.
- Sleepovers will happen rain or shine. Please be prepared for inclement weather!
- Please plan to be up late; evening activities generally end by 10:30 p.m., and the aim is for everyone to be in their sleeping bags at midnight. Instructors will use their best judgment to determine if they should end evening activities earlier.
- Please eat dinner before you arrive. Evening snack is served between 9 and 10 p.m. and is only a snack. If you would like a recommendation for dinner, please let us know.
- Many of the Zoo's animals are off exhibit during the night. Please plan time to view all of your favorite animals after the program concludes the next morning between 10:30 and 11 a.m.
- Please use alternative transportation to the Zoo if possible. If you will not arrive in personal vehicles, please notify the Safari staff so that arrangements can be made for storage of your belongings during morning activities.
- ***Please notify Zoo staff of any and all food allergies of participants in your group. Behind-the-scenes tours include food preparation areas that contain many allergens, including peanuts, shellfish, hay, and many other common allergens. It is critical to the health of your participants that we know about any and all food allergies.***

# Parent/Chaperone Agreement



Welcome to an exciting Safari Sleepover at the Santa Barbara Zoo! Please distribute this information to your group. Each parent/chaperone must bring a signed copy to the night of your program. Agreement is only for parents/chaperones who are 18 years or older.

- **What time should I arrive?** All Safaris begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. at the Zoo's front gate, rain or shine. A Safari staff member will be there to meet you.
- **Where will we sleep?** Your group will sleep outside (in tents) on Cabrillo Lawn, which is located next to the Zoo's lions, OR inside the Discovery Pavilion classrooms—check with your group organizer.
- **What should I wear?** Please see the packing list provided to your group organizer. Remember, closed-toe shoes are required! Check the weather forecast when packing for your overnight.
- **Is food included?** Your Safari includes an evening snack and a pancake breakfast in the morning, but please eat dinner before your Safari Sleepover begins. If your group has special dietary needs or food allergies, please alert the Safari coordinator as soon as possible. The Zoo adheres to a strict no alcohol and drug policy for Safari Sleepovers.
- **What are we going to do?** Get ready to see the Zoo in a whole new way! Take a walk on the wild side and see what animals do after the sun goes down. You'll go on Zoo tours, view animals up close, visit behind-the-scenes areas, and explore the Zoo the next day.

Questions? Contact Anna Prober by email or phone: (805) 962-5339, ext. 154.

----- Complete and return to organizer before the night of your Sleepover Safari -----

Parent/Chaperone Information:

Sleepover Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name

Last Name

Phone Number

Emergency Contact Information:

Emergency Contact #1: Name

Daytime/Evening Phone

Present at Sleepover? (circle one)

Present/NOT Present

Emergency Contact #2: Name

Daytime/Evening Phone

Present at Sleepover? (circle one)

Present/NOT Present

"I have read and agree to all above the terms and policies listed in this Parent/Chaperone Agreement, the Parent/Chaperone Guidelines, and the Parent/Chaperone Information so I am aware of the Safari Sleepover policies and procedures. I also authorize the Santa Barbara Zoo to use my name and photograph for educational and public relations purposes related to the Zoo. In case of an emergency, I hereby give permission to the Santa Barbara Zoo to secure treatment for me. I hereby release and hold harmless the Santa Barbara Zoo, its officers, employees and agents from liability for any and all claims, actions, obligations, costs, losses, or demands of any kind arising out of participation in this program."

Signature of Parent/Chaperone

Date



# Participant Agreement

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First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth

Emergency Contact Information:

Emergency Contact #1: Name

Daytime/Evening Phone

Present at Sleepover? (circle one)

Present/NOT Present

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Daytime/Evening Phone

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Present/NOT Present

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

# Safari Sleepover Packing List



Each participant should bring the following items with them to the Safari Sleepover:

- Comfortable, layered clothing worn on arrival – you'll be outside!
- Comfortable, closed-toed shoes such as athletic shoes, with socks
- One comfortable, layered change of clothes
- Warm jacket
- Toiletries (showers not available)
- Reusable water bottle
- Flashlight/lantern with working batteries
- Sleeping bag and Pillow
- Tent- the Zoo does not have tents for use by guests. Sleeping under the stars is allowed.
- Clothing for inclement weather – check the weather before you pack!
- Required medications

## Optional:

- Additional snacks
- Camera
- Cash for additional souvenirs
- Cell phone

## Leave these at home:

- Grills or stoves
- Alcoholic beverages
- Food that requires refrigeration (exceptions may be made for participants with food allergies, call the Zoo for details)
- Camp chairs or other furniture
- Gas lanterns or tent heaters
- Laptop computers or electronic devices (cell phones o.k.)
- Sports equipment of any type—balls, Frisbees, etc.

*Please try and fit all of your belongings into one rolling duffle bag or backpack. Do not bring more than you can carry.*