

Safari Overnights: Frequently Asked Questions

Where do we get to sleep in the museum?

Groups will sleep in one of our three diorama halls (Dino hall, North American Hall, and African and Asian Hall). When groups check in they will be informed of their sleeping area (hall). Groups cannot reserve a hall in advance.

VIP (Very Important Paleontologist) Tickets can be purchased in advance and guarantee a sleeping area under our *T. rex*!

What type of sleeping gear can I bring?

You may bring sleeping bags, sleep mats, and small air mattresses (no king-size, please). Because each hall sleeps around 100 people, we have to be able to accommodate everyone and ask participants to limit how much sleep gear they are bringing.

What kind of snack can I expect? What will be served for breakfast?

Snack typically consists of a piece of fruit and a small bagged snack like chips or pretzels. There is also hot tea and coffee for adults and juice and water. Breakfast typically consists of fruit, bagels, and cereal, as well as hot tea, coffee, juice, and water.

Your information says participants cannot bring in outside food, but someone in my group has allergies. What do I do?

If someone in your group has allergies, you are permitted to bring your own food for snack and breakfast. We cannot guarantee that our provided food is allergen-free.

What is the schedule for the evening?

The schedule is designed for families and groups to “create their own evening.” There are always games, crafts, experiments, and activities in addition to some of your favorite exhibits open all night, and families can spend as much or as little time as they like at each. There is a break in the middle for snack, and the night always ends with a live animal show. See our *Safari Overnight Sample Schedule* for a look at some of the potential activities.

Can I bring children under the age of 6?

Programming for Safari Overnights is designed for kids 6–12 years old. Activities go well past most younger children’s bedtimes, and we find that younger guests have a tough time staying up late enough to enjoy the event. Activities take place in all of our halls and classrooms, so the museum is quite loud, and we unfortunately don’t have anywhere they can quietly go to sleep.