



Overview

Explore the Zoo during a guided tour after hours and experience up-close animal encounters. Enjoy a camp fire with smores under the stars with a beautiful view of Lake Michigan. All of this, and much more is included with a Slumber Safari! We will provide all of the programming, meals, and activities for your one of a kind, overnight experience.

The Slumber Safari staff is responsible for overall leadership. Group chaperones and individual parents are responsible for child supervision and behavior management. Both chaperones and children are expected to stay with the Zoo staff at all times during the Slumber Safari.

Time and Place

Arrival time is between 5:00 pm-5:30 pm at the Augusta Street entrance. It is very important that you are on time. Late arrivals will have no one to meet them at the gate. Slumber Safari chaperones may park on the Zoo campus. Please enter at the Augusta Street (northeast corner of Zoo) entrance. No one will be available to allow you to enter any of the other gates. All cars must be removed from the Zoo campus by 9:00 am the following day.

-Meet at Augusta Street (northeast corner of Zoo) Entrance

What to Bring/Wear

You are welcome to bring your own tent or rent one (for details, see your registration form). The Zoo does have several restrooms; however, dressing rooms or showers are not available.

- Closed-footed shoes (gym shoes)
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Rain gear
- Warm weather clothes
- Cool or cold weather clothes
- Hairbrush or comb
- Toothpaste and toothbrush

- Clothes to sleep in
- Flashlight and bug spray (Chaperones ONLY)
- Lawn chairs for around the campfire (Optional)

What Not to Bring/Wear

- Electronic games
- Hairdryers
- Open-toed, soft-soled shoes (ex: flip-flops, sandals, crocs) - you need to have closed-toed, hard soled shoes for safety concerns
- Roller skate shoes
- Cigarettes or e-cigarettes of any kind

Additional Notes

- Please have a Slumber Safari medical release form for each participant.
- Slumber Safari staff cannot administer any medications.
- Participants (children and adults) are allowed to leave the Zoo campus during the program **only** in the event of an emergency or by prearrangement with Zoo staff and must be escorted by Zoo staff.
- Zoo staff **MUST** be notified in the event of any emergency. If you call 911, Zoo staff **MUST** be notified to allow emergency personal on campus.
- All participants will receive a wristband to be worn at all times. This wristband will also allow free admission to the zoo in the morning after the Slumber Safari.
- Photos are allowed in all areas of the zoo except the education animal area.
- Children should be within view of one of their adult chaperones at all times.
- Parts of the Slumber Safari activities will take place in areas with animal dander, dog fur, and hay. If any of these are an issue, please notify the zoo in advance.
- Please distribute the "Survival Guide" to all parents and chaperones.