



**RACINE ZOO**

# SLUMBER SAFARI

**AGES 6 AND UP**

See what happens after the sun goes down at the Racine Zoo! Set up your tent and join us for an overnight adventure learning about animals after dark.



## ACTIVITIES

- Animal Encounter ●
- Guided Night Walk ●
- Themed Craft ●
- Campfire with S'mores ●
- Dinner & Breakfast ●



**NEW!**

**Overnight  
Adventures for  
Girl Scouts and  
Boy Scouts!**

# GENERAL INFO

## COST

\$75 per participant

*Includes:*

- Pizza dinner
- Animal ambassador encounter
- Themed craft
- S'mores
- Continental breakfast
- Zoo admission the next day

## ADD-ONS

Tent Rental

- \$30 per tent
- 4-person & 8-person tents available
- Limited number of tents available
- First come, first serve

## THINGS TO KNOW

- Each group must complete a registration form.
- Each participant must complete a release form.
  - Minors must have a parent or guardian complete the release form for them.
- All payments are non-refundable.
- All participants must be at least 6 years old the day of the program. Guests under 6 may be admitted with special permission, but may not be able to participate in all activities.
- All registrations must be received no later than the Monday prior to the event by 5:00pm.

## BOOKING INFORMATION

Pre-registration is required for this program.

To book a program, visit [www.racinezoo.org/slumber-safari](http://www.racinezoo.org/slumber-safari) and download the **Registration Form**.

- Fill out one registration form per party and fill out one medical release form per participant
- E-mail completed forms to [education@racinezoo.org](mailto:education@racinezoo.org) by 5:00pm the Monday prior to the Slumber Safari.

**Questions?**

E-mail [education@racinezoo.org](mailto:education@racinezoo.org) or call (262)636-9580.

# 2025 ADVENTURES

## **WILD WISCONSIN: AFTER DARK**

**Friday, May 30 – Saturday, May 31, 2025**

Discover the wonders of Wisconsin's native wildlife on a thrilling overnight adventure at the Racine Zoo! As night falls, you'll have the rare opportunity to observe the behaviors of the zoo's nocturnal creatures, from secretive foxes and owls to the quiet croaks of frogs in the pond. You'll learn about the unique adaptations of these animals and their roles in Wisconsin's ecosystems. Whether you're watching a turtle burrow or listening for the call of a barred owl, this is your chance to experience the wild side of Wisconsin after dark!

## **NIGHTTIME AROUND THE WORLD**

**Saturday, June 21 – Sunday, June 22**

Join us for an unforgettable overnight adventure as we explore the mysterious world of nocturnal wildlife. On this Slumber Safari, you'll discover how animals around the world thrive after dark—uncovering the secrets of nighttime ecosystems and the creatures that inhabit them. Through a guided hike, animal encounters, and hands-on activities, you'll gain a deeper understanding of the vital roles these animals play in their habitats. Get ready for a wild adventure under the stars!

## **OVERNIGHT SCOUT ADVENTURE**

**Saturday, July 19 – Sunday, July 20**

Do you have a girl scout or boy scout who's looking to earn a new badge or complete a new adventure? Join us for this first-of-its-kind experience at the Racine Zoo. Set up your tents overlooking Lake Michigan, complete your badge requirements under the stars, and connect with other local Scouting troops.

Badges Completed:

*Girl Scouts: Buddy Camper, Cabin Camper, Eco Camper, Primitive Camper, Adventure Camper*

*Boy Scouts: Let's Camp, Outdoor Adventurer, Campout for rank advancement*

# SAMPLE SCHEDULE

*This schedule is subject to change based on themes and activities planned.*

## **Time            Activity**

### ***Afternoon/Evening Day 1***

5:00 PM	Arrive at Racine Zoo Augusta Gate Begin setting up campsites
6:00 PM	Last guests arrive at Racine Zoo Finish setting up campsites
6:05 PM	Welcome, Introductions, Rules & Guidelines
6:15 PM	Pizza Dinner! (Included)
7:00 PM	Animal Encounter
8:00 PM	Guided night walk around Racine Zoo grounds
8:30 PM	Craft (Included)
8:45 PM	Campfire & S'mores snack
9:30 PM	Get ready for bed & lights out!

### ***Morning Day 2***

7:00 AM	Wakeup Call #1; Continental Breakfast (Included)
7:15 AM	Wakeup Call #2
7:30 AM	Wakeup Call #3; Take down campsites
8:30 AM	Re-entry wristbands distributed Begin to leave Zoo grounds
9:00 AM	All guests off Zoo grounds
10:00 AM	Zoo opens for the day Slumber Safari guests get complimentary entry to the Zoo

# PRIVATE SAFARIS

**Can't make it to one of the public Slumber Safaris? Book a private one for your group!**

## **PRIVATE SLUMBER SAFARI**

Looking to make your next group gathering one they'll never forget? Book a private Slumber Safari with the Racine Zoo! Our Education team will put together a program you'll never forget, including a visit with an animal ambassador, a night walk around zoo grounds, and a campfire with s'mores! Wake up to the sounds of Lake Michigan and roaring lions and spend the rest of the day exploring the Racine Zoo with your group, on this Slumber Safari just for you!

*Minimum 20 participants. Groups with fewer than 20 may choose to pay the 20 participant minimum, or \$1500.*

## **PRIVATE SCOUT OVERNIGHT ADVENTURES**

Do you have a scout troop looking to learn more about nature, camping, and the environment around them? The Racine Zoo offers private Slumber Safaris for troops looking for a more personalized experience! Choose from any of the Scout programs offered by our Zoo's experienced education staff to complete during your overnight adventure. Set up your tents in view of Lake Michigan and follow your guide to complete the requirements for your badge. Enjoy s'mores by the fire before your campout. The next morning, enjoy a continental breakfast and pack up your campsite (leaving no trace, of course!) before enjoying complimentary admission to the zoo. If you're looking for a unique campout for your troop, the Racine Zoo is the place for you!

*Minimum 20 participants. Groups with fewer than 20 may choose to pay the 20 participant minimum, or \$1500.*

# FAQs

## Who can book a Slumber Safari?

The Racine Zoo offers two types of Slumber Safaris. Public Slumber Safaris can be attended by anyone who signs up. These public Slumber Safaris have specific themes and dates. Private Slumber Safaris can be booked by any group, and are most commonly booked by scout troops. Private Slumber Safaris have a minimum registration of 20 people, or a minimum of \$1500.

## How do I book a spot on a public Slumber Safari?

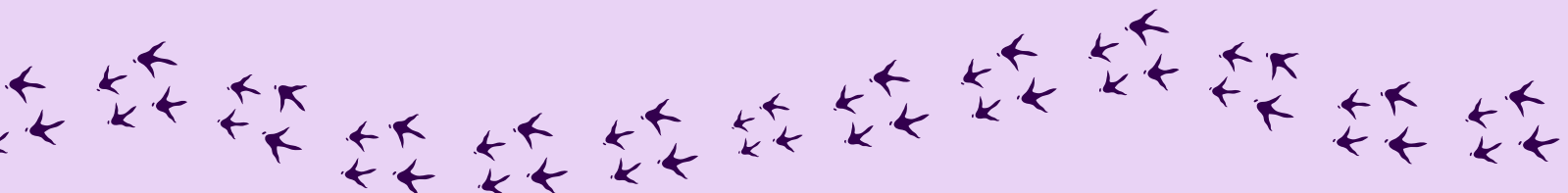
To book a spot on a public Slumber Safari, visit [www.racinezoo.org/slumber-safari](http://www.racinezoo.org/slumber-safari) and download the registration form. Each group must complete one registration form, and each participant must have a complete medical release form. Once all the forms are filled out, e-mail the completed forms to [education@racinezoo.org](mailto:education@racinezoo.org).

## How do I book a private Slumber Safari?

To book a private Slumber Safari, e-mail [education@racinezoo.org](mailto:education@racinezoo.org) or call (262)-636-9580. Not all dates may be available and are first come, first serve.

## How much does a Slumber Safari cost?

Each Slumber Safari costs \$75 per person and includes dinner, breakfast, a craft, and an animal encounter. You can add-on a tent for \$30 if you'd like to rent one from the Zoo. There is limited availability for tents, and are first come, first serve. For private Slumber Safaris, there is a minimum cost of \$1500 (or 20 spots) to book.



# FAQs

## How do I pay for a Slumber Safari?

Payment is due one week prior to your Slumber Safari. You can call the Education Department at (262)636-9580 to pay by card (Note: there is a processing fee for all card transactions), or you can mail or drop off your cash or check payment. Checks can be made out to the Racine Zoo Conservation Education Department. If paying by check, please clearly note the name and date of your Slumber Safari.

## Where do we meet for the Slumber Safari?

**Slumber Safaris do not meet at the main gate of the Zoo.** Drive to the Zoo's Augusta Gate where an Education team member will meet you and direct you where to park on Zoo property. Guests will not be allowed to enter through the gate until after 5:00pm, and will not be allowed to come in after 6:00pm. Please make sure your group is on time!

## Where do we park?

Slumber Safari guests park on Zoo property. When you get to the Augusta Gate, an Education staff member will direct you where to park.

## What if the weather is bad the day of our Safari?

Slumber Safaris run rain or shine, and will only be cancelled due to weather in extreme circumstances. There are several weather-safe buildings at the Zoo. Safety is the primary concern for all of our guests, and our experienced staff will ensure that our guests are safe in all weather conditions.

## What if I can no longer attend the Slumber Safari?

Refunds cannot be given except under extreme circumstances. If you have not yet paid for your Slumber Safari and need to cancel, please do so at least one week prior to your Slumber Safari date. If you have questions, e-mail [education@racinezoo.org](mailto:education@racinezoo.org).

# FAQs

## Can I bring my own food?

You are welcome to bring your own food and non-alcoholic beverages to the Slumber Safari. We highly recommend keeping your food in your car overnight, as there are many native animals that may try to get to it if it's in your tent!

## Can I bring alcohol to the Slumber Safari?

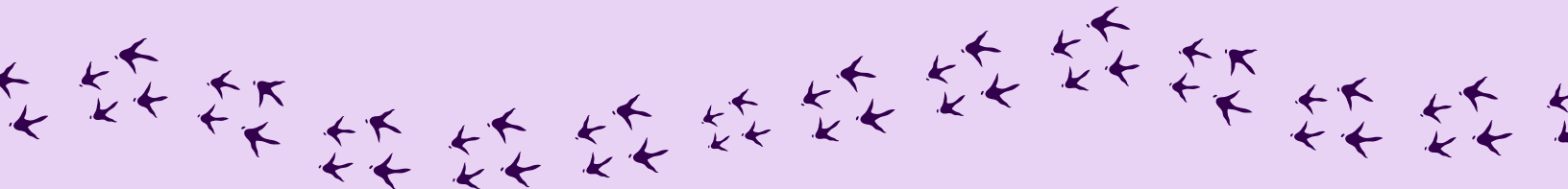
No. Outside alcoholic beverages are not permitted on Zoo grounds.

## Can my child under 6 come if the rest of my family is coming?

We do not recommend children under the age of 6 coming to the Slumber Safari. Children under 6 must still pay full-price, but may not be able to participate in all activities (including, but not limited to, behind-the-scenes experiences).

## What does a typical Slumber Safari look like?

The night begins with setting up your tents on the hill overlooking our amphitheater and Lake Michigan. Get to know your Slumber Safari Guides and enjoy a pizza dinner before getting up-close and personal with some of our incredible animal ambassadors. Take a guided walk around the zoo as the sun is setting, and create a craft while your Guides set up the campfire. Roast some marshmallows for s'mores before tucking into your sleeping bags to the sweet sounds of the Zoo at night. The next morning, wake up to a continental breakfast and pack up your tent before enjoying complimentary admission to the Racine Zoo to see the animals awake and active during the day!





# SLUMBER SAFARI RULES

*Failure to follow these rules may result in you being asked to leave Zoo grounds. No refund will be issued.*

- 1. All participants must have a complete medical and release form prior to taking part in any Slumber Safari.** These forms will be collected upon arrival, or they may be mailed in ahead of time.
- 2. Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a paid adult.** All participants under the age of 18 should be within the view of their adult chaperone(s) at all times.
- 3. Zoo staff MUST be notified in the event of an emergency.** If you call 9-1-1, Zoo staff MUST be informed to allow emergency personnel on campus.
- 4. Slumber Safari activities take place in areas with allergens.** There may be exposure to dander, dog fur, and hay. Please notify Zoo staff in advance if there is a concern with any of these.
- 5. All participants must remain at the Zoo for the entire Slumber Safari from 6:00 in the evening until 8:00 in the morning.** Early departures may only be made in the event of an emergency or by prearrangement with Zoo staff, and must be escorted by Zoo staff.
- 6. All participants must follow all Racine Zoo rules,** including, but not limited to, being respectful of the animals, staying out of animal habitats, and not using airborne objects (balls, gliders, etc).
- 7. Participants must follow all staff instructions.** This is for your safety and the safety of our animals.
  - Participants will be limited to the Pavilion area and bathrooms between 8:30pm and 9:00am to ensure that zoo staff is able to work.
  - The playground may be available to use at the discretion of Zoo staff members. The playground will be off-limits after sundown or if it is wet.