

# Sleepovers at the Natural History Museum

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the Parking Situation?

Parking is located in the Museum's Car Park, near the corner of Exposition Boulevard and Bill Robertson Lane. Click [here](#) for a map and additional information. The fee for parking is \$12 during a Sleepover and is not included. Rates are subject to change.

### What does a Sleepover include?

- An exciting and fun opportunity to spend a night at the Museum surrounded by fossils!
- Fun and educational activities for all participants
- Free admission to the Museum the following day after checkout
- An evening snack and continental breakfast

### Where will we sleep?

Guests will sleep on the floor in front of the iconic dioramas located in the North American Mammal Hall or the Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Oschin and Family Hall of African Mammals.

### What time is the Sleepover?

Check-in for Sleepovers begins at 6:30 pm in the lower level of the Otis Booth Pavilion. Activities will begin at 7:30 pm sharp, and we strongly encourage on-time arrivals. Please note that, for security reasons, no one will be permitted to check-in after 8:00 pm.

### What should I bring?

- Sleeping bag, pillow, and sleeping pad (Air Mattresses are permitted, though access to outlets is regulated by the Museum, and guests are responsible for providing their own pumps.)
- Pajamas and Toiletries (Please note Family Restrooms are limited; expect to share sink space.)
- Comfortable clothing for the night; we recommend sweatshirts and warm layers.
- Water bottle
- Flashlight
- Washcloth and small towel
- Walking shoes; you will be walking throughout the Museum.
- Highly recommended: earplugs and night mask (Please note that the lights will never go completely dark in some areas.)

### Where do we change into our sleeping clothes?

Restrooms are available adjacent to the sleeping areas.

### What should I leave at home?

- Please leave all music players and all other electronic devices at home
- No roller shoes are permitted in the Museum
- Tents are not permitted

### What is the policy on food?

Participants are strongly encouraged to eat dinner before arriving for the program. An evening snack may include cookies, fruit, granola bars, lemonade, or juice. Breakfast will include fresh fruit, bagels and cream cheese, assorted pastries, coffee, tea, and juice. Not every item listed will be available at every Sleepover – this is merely an example. Due to the sensitivity of our collections, no outside food or drink is permitted in the Museum. Guests with food allergies or dietary restrictions should contact [sleepovers@nhm.org](mailto:sleepovers@nhm.org) before booking with us.

### How much does it cost to participate in a Sleepover?

For pricing information, please visit our website.

### Is there a minimum number of people required to participate?

For the Sleepovers, all children must be accompanied by a registered adult for the entirety of the event and there is a 4:1 child to adult ratio for all groups.

### Is there a group rate?

Yes. Groups of 10 or more receive a group rate. Please email us at [info@nhm.org](mailto:info@nhm.org) to inquire about our payment options and to check availability for a specific Sleepover program.

### Are there age restrictions?

Yes, Sleepovers are open to children between the ages of 5 and 12 years old; chaperones must be at least 21 years old.

### Are younger and older siblings allowed to participate?

No, younger and older siblings are not permitted to participate, unless they are between the ages of 5 and 12 years old and have also registered for the Sleepover.

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## Frequently Asked Questions Cont.

### **Are children allowed to sleepover without adult supervision?**

No. For every 4 children, at least one registered adult (age 21 or older) is required to be physically on site to chaperone their group

### **Can a family member or friend enter the Museum for any part of the program?**

For everyone's safety, only registered participants who have been properly checked-in are allowed to enter the Museum (both indoor and outdoor spaces) during any Sleepover program.

### **How can I limit the participants to only people I know?**

You can choose to buy out an entire evening by e-mailing us at [sleepovers@nhm.org](mailto:sleepovers@nhm.org).

### **Do I have access to my car throughout the night**

No, for everyone's safety, the Car Park will not be accessible between 8:00 pm and 7:30 am.

### **When is payment due?**

Full payment is required upon registration. Groups of 10 or more receive a group rate. Please email us at [info@nhm.org](mailto:info@nhm.org) to inquire about group rates and availability.

### **What is your cancellation and refund policy?**

All payments are final. In the unlikely event the Museum finds it necessary to cancel a Sleepover, a full refund will be provided.

### **What if someone gets sick?**

If anyone in your group gets sick or hurt, please notify a Sleepover staff member or Museum security immediately.

### **Are the exhibits and programs wheelchair accessible?**

Yes. All exhibits are accessible for wheelchairs.

### **Can I check-out a wheelchair?**

A limited number of non-motorized wheel chairs can be borrowed on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Special Event Staff on arrival if you will require one. A valid picture ID is required as collateral for wheelchair use.

### **What happens the next day?**

Lights will be turned on at 7:30 am. Guests will be invited to enjoy a continental breakfast while they get dressed and pack up. The Main Store will open at 8:00 am the morning after the Sleepover for an exclusive shopping experience. Museum admission is included starting at 9:30 am on the day after the Sleepover. Participants who wish to stay must please first put all gear in their cars before returning to the Museum.



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