



Confirmation and Information Animals After Dark Overnight: Adults Only!

Thank you for registering for an Animals After Dark Overnight here at the Minnesota Zoo! We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Minnesota Zoo for this exciting program. The second page of this confirmation letter includes important information about your upcoming overnight.

Our overnight programs do need to have a minimum number of participants for them to be held. If this program does not have the minimum number of participants by a week prior to the program, you will be contacted by phone.

Your overnight program will include fun games and activities, meeting and talking with a zoo keeper, behind-the-scenes tours, and the thrill of experiencing the Zoo when it's closed to the public! All participants will receive a T-shirt, dinner and a late-night snack, and breakfast (including coffee!) Your payment for this program also includes a full day's admission to the Zoo, immediately prior or following your overnight.

Please read the second page of this confirmation carefully. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 952.431.9390 and leave a message if I am not available.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

If family members need to reach you in an emergency, they may call 952.431.9306 or 952.431.9251. The staff at that number can radio the overnight lead staff or security. This is for EMERGENCIES ONLY.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Cancellations made more than two weeks prior to the program will receive a refund of 75% of the program fee. No refunds will be made less than two weeks prior to the program. A transfer to a similar program may be possible if requested at least one week prior to the program. No transfers are allowed within one week of the program start date. Refunds will not be issued for no-shows for any program regardless of cause. To cancel or request a refund, contact the Zoo Education Department at educate@mnzoo.org or 952.431.9390.

Have a great day, and we can't wait to see you at the Zoo!

Sincerely,

Kristie Nord
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Checking In

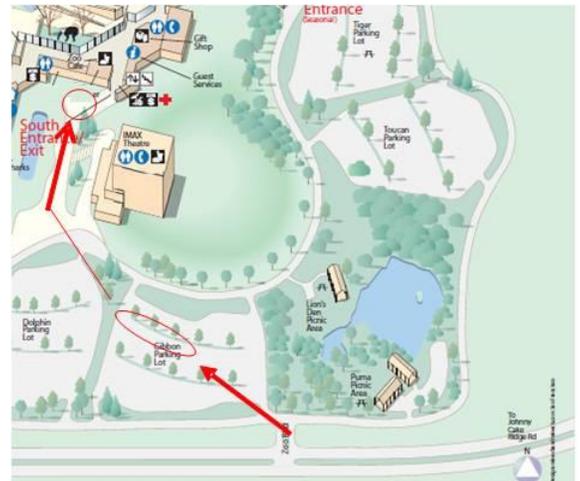
Please plan to arrive and check-in (with all of your gear) between 6:15 and 6:45 pm. A staff member will be at the front entrance of the Zoo to greet you.

The staff members that greet you will check your name off their rosters and give you a name tag and a printed schedule. Please have your ID ready at the check-in table - this is a 21+ event.

If you are going to be late, please call 952.431.9306 or 952.431.9251 and ask them to radio the instructor. If you choose to leave the overnight program early, there is no re-entry to the event.

Parking

When you enter the Zoo grounds take a left at the stop sign and turn right into the first entrance into the parking lot (Gibbon Lot). As you drive towards the front left side of the parking lot (closest to IMAX) you will see 2 areas with trees and grass that divide the parking lot into sections. We are asking that you park in the spaces behind the 1st berm. (The main entrance to the Zoo is the lower walkway near the buffalo statue.) To assist our security staff in identifying cars belonging to overnight participants, we ask that all cars park in this same area. (See map.)



Packing List

Pack everything that you'd bring for an old-school sleepover! You'll need:

- Comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing
- Closed-toe shoes
- Sandals or slippers (in case you need to get up to use the bathroom in the middle of the night)
- Sleeping bag and pillow – we will supply a thin foam mat for each person
- Cot or air mattress (optional)
- Sleeping mask and ear plugs (optional)
- Flashlight or headlamp (optional)
- Pajamas and a change of clothes
- Toothbrush and other toiletries
- Camera (optional)
- Don't forget a photo ID, even if you don't plan on purchasing drinks at the cash bar, since this is a 21+ event.

Some outlets will be available, but we can't guarantee that everyone will always have access to an outlet. Charge your phone fully before you come!

When you arrive, we'll store your overnight gear in a separate room until 11:20 pm. (You'll be able to access it before then if you need to leave early for any reason.) Storage space is limited, so pack lightly! Please bring a separate small bag for your wallet or other personal items that you'd like to keep with you during the evening.

Showers will not be available.

Please, do not bring:

- Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, glassware, or any controlled substances.
- Excess bags – there isn't a lot of storage space, so pack light!

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If you have any **dietary restrictions** (example: gluten free, etc.), please email educate@mnzoo.org to let us know a minimum of 1 week prior to your program so we can accommodate your needs.

To request a **specific disability accommodation**, please contact the Minnesota Zoo at least two weeks prior to your program at 952-431-9364 (voice), 1-800-627-3529 (TTY), or access@mnzoo.org. More information can be found on our [Accessibility](#) page.

The Minnesota Zoo is a *completely smoke-free facility* including the parking lots. This policy is effective for both public hours and all after-hours events. No smoking on Zoo property includes the use of lighted cigarettes, cigars, pipes or other smoking materials as well as e-cigarettes.

Food and Drink

Dinner will be served from 6:45-7:30 pm, and late-night snacks will be available between 10 and 10:30 pm. Breakfast will be from 7:30-8:15 am the next morning.

A cash bar (beer and wine) will be available between 6:30 and 10:30 pm in Discovery Bay.

Please contact educate@mnzoo.org with any questions about dietary needs. If needed for medical reasons, you are able to bring outside food/drink with you, but will be limited as to where you can eat food during the event. Please contact us if you need to bring your own food. Don't worry, we'll provide plenty of food!

Activities and Schedule (subject to change)

You will receive a full, detailed schedule when you arrive at the event. (As a reminder, animals determine their own behaviors and interactions, so please be aware that based on animal needs and trainer discretion each program is unique and therefore no specific behaviors are guaranteed.)

6:15-6:45 pm:	Check in!
6:45-7:30 pm:	Dinner time and official welcome/orientation
7:30-8:00 pm:	Keeper Talk
8:00-8:30 pm:	Live Animal Presentation
8:30-11:00 pm:	Guests' choice! A selection of rotating activities and tours
10:00-10:30 pm:	Late night snacks and evening chat. Receive your official T-shirt!
11:30 pm:	Begin sleeping set-up! Choose to sleep in Discovery Bay, the Minnesota Lodge, or the Black Bear Den (weather permitting.)
12:00am:	Lights out
7:00-8:15 am:	Breakfast (coffee available starting at 7 am)
8:20-8:45 am:	Keeper Talk
8:45 am:	Pack and bring gear out to vehicles.

We look forward to seeing you at the Zoo!