

Sleep with the Fishes

Sleepover Program



Reservations Office
Education Department

Opening Eyes to the World Outside!

General Information

What to Bring:

- Sleeping bag or air mattress, something warm (it can get chilly), pillow, toiletry items.
- Camera for taking pictures; however, Flash photography cannot be used at night
- *Optional:* Spending money for the gift shop, which opens at 9:30 am.
- **ADULTS:** In addition to the above items, please bring emergency numbers for students, and your confirmation sheet.

What NOT to Bring:

- Student may not bring battery-powered items (except cameras), electrical items, and flashlights. Adults may bring flashlights.
- Anything of personal value that could get lost.
- Food or beverage. Aquarium policy doesn't permit outside food/beverage into our facility.
- Siblings.

When to Arrive:

- Check-in is between 7:00 and 7:30 pm. You may check-in once your entire group has arrived. Program starts promptly at 7:30 pm
- Unfortunately, we cannot allow people into the Aquarium prior to 7:00 pm.

Food:

- A light evening snack of 2 slices of pizza is provided between 8:00 – 9:00 pm. We recommend eating dinner before you arrive for the sleepover.
- A light breakfast and juice is provided in the morning.

Parking and Drop-Off:

- You may drop-off participants and gear in the circle in front of the Aquarium. Parking in the Aquarium lot is free for sleepover participants.
- Drivers should know their license tag numbers as it is required information for a completed parking liability form.

Payment Policy

- A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due one week after the reservation has been made.
- The remaining balance is due two weeks prior to the sleepover date. Once a final payment has been made you are locked into the number of people you have paid for. No additions or subtractions are allowed.
- Sleepovers cannot be cancelled, rescheduled, or refunded one week prior to the sleepover date.

If payments are late, or the policy is not adhered to, the Florida Aquarium reserves the right to cancel your group from the sleepover.

Bedding Down/Wake Up:

- Evening activities end between 10:30 and 11:30 pm. Please be courteous of fellow participants in and around your sleeping area.
- Sleeping spots are along the exhibit path and cannot be reserved in advance.
- Wake-up is between 7:00 and 8:00 am. Morning activities end at 9:30 am.
- You may remain in the Aquarium at the conclusion of the sleepover, as your sleepover fee includes admission.

Chaperones:

To enhance your sleepover program experience we require a minimum of 1 chaperone for every 10 children.

Aquarium Guidelines:

- Running is not permitted.
- Students must be with an adult chaperone at all times.
- Clean up after yourselves and the students.
- Flash photography cannot be used at night
- Cooperate with Aquarium staff at all times to assure a safe and memorable experience for everyone.
- Behind-the-scenes areas of the Aquarium are restricted unless an Aquarium staff member accompanies you.
- Keep all groups together, especially while on tours and at meal times.
- Assure that shoes and shirts are worn when walking in the Aquarium.
- Remain in sleeping area after bedding down unless using the restroom. Wandering is not permitted for safety reasons.
- Unruly groups may be asked to leave without a refund should behavior cause safety concerns.
- In case of emergency during the sleepover, Security may be called by lifting white phones found in Aquarium galleries or by calling 813.367.4077
- While attending the sleepover, please assist Aquarium staff with the guidance and control of your group. The Florida Aquarium appreciates your cooperation.
- The Florida Aquarium sleepover staff does not sleep in same area as guests but does remain on-site in the same building and can be reached in case of emergency.

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