

# Oregon Coast Aquarium Sleep With The Sharks

## Chaperone Contract

We appreciate your participation as a chaperone/parent for your group sleepover. **Your role as a chaperone is more than just a supervisor. You should model good behavior, participate in activities, discipline children if necessary, and stay with the group at all times throughout the sleepover.** Because the Aquarium's staff would like your group to have the safest and most enjoyable experience possible, please review the following guidelines:

- Please arrive at the Aquarium classroom (staff entrance) at 6:00 p.m. on the night of your scheduled sleepover. The classroom and staff entrance are marked by signs at the south end of the visitor parking lot near the "Wolf Eel" parking area.
- We suggest you pack light because you will carry your items a fair distance to the tunnels where you will be sleeping. Please mark sleeping bags, sleeping bag covers, etc. with names to avoid mix-ups when preparing to leave. Participants leave through the staff entrance at 9:00 a.m. the following morning.
- The Oregon Coast Aquarium is a **tobacco and marijuana free** facility. For the safety and enjoyment of our visitors, staff and animals, smoking is not allowed anywhere onsite (this includes e-cigarettes). Please keep this in mind and plan accordingly with patches or other needs to accommodate this.
- For the safety of our animals, our staff, and your group, participants must remain with the group at ALL times.
- Help us protect the animals. Only touch animals in the touch tank. Never throw anything into the exhibits or tap on the tanks (sound travels faster in water and is much louder to the animals in the exhibits).
- If you need first aid assistance during the sleepover contact a Sleepover Attendant.
- Photos are encouraged and flashes on cameras are fine. To avoid getting a flash in your picture try taking the photo at an angle to the tank.
- The Aquarium will provide dinner with a vegetarian option. Also included are drinks and a late evening snack. In the morning, a light breakfast and coffee will be served. If anyone in your group has any dietary concerns or allergies it is their responsibility to bring their own food and to notify the Sleepover Attendants.

### THINGS TO BRING:

- **Signed waivers for each participant and chaperone contracts for each chaperone/parent.**
- Pillow, warm sleeping bag and sleeping pad (foam camping mats or **twin** air mattresses work best)
- Warm layers and rain jacket
- Modest, warm pajamas
- Toiletries
- Change of clothes
- Food for participants with special dietary needs
- Bug spray (optional)
- Camera (optional)
- Ear plugs and eye masks (optional)
- Comfortable walking shoes

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### THINGS WE DO NOT PERMIT:

- Running
- Climbing on rocks
- Yelling
- Additional food or snacks (except for special diets)
- Weapons
- Chewing gum
- Tobacco and marijuana use
- Electronic devices (music players, game players, etc.)

### BE A GREAT CHAPERONE!

#### What are my chaperone responsibilities?

- Supervising children, helping them learn and making sure they behave appropriately.
- Actively participating in planned activities and using devices only during breaks.
- Keep track of children and stay with your group at all times.

#### How can I help the children get the most out of their sleepover?

- Be sure you understand the agenda for the evening and morning activities.
- Be sure you understand your role as a chaperone during the sleepover.

#### How do I help the group complete activities (scavenger hunt)?

- We don't expect you to be an expert—but you can help discover answers along with your group.
- Help the children look for clues in each gallery.
- Be sure to ask questions of everyone in your group. There will always be a few who have all of the answers. When an answer is found, ask the group if they agree or disagree and to explain why.

#### Where can I get more information about an exhibit or an animal?

- The Aquarium Sleepover Attendants will be happy to answer your questions.

#### Can we tour the Aquarium the next day?

- Yes! Just make sure to get your hand stamped by one of the Sleepover Attendants before leaving the aquarium, and you will be able to re-enter the aquarium during regular operating hours (10:00 a.m. in the winter and 9:00 a.m. in the summer).

#### Can we visit the gift shop?

- If you would like the gift shop to be opened early in the winter months your group leader must request it ahead of time. If you would like time in the gift shop, be sure to plan additional time for this in the morning from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

#### What else do I need to know?

- Free coffee will be available in the morning.



Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School / group name: \_\_\_\_\_