

OREGON COAST AQUARIUM SLEEPOVER

CHAPERONE CONTRACT



We appreciate your participation as a chaperone 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, vape, and marijuana free facility**. For the safety and enjoyment of our visitors, staff and animals, smoking is not allowed anywhere on site (this includes e-cigarettes). Please keep this in mind and plan accordingly.
- For the safety of our animals, our staff, and your group, participants must remain with the group at ALL times.
- Sleepover guests, including chaperones, are not permitted to leave/reenter the Aquarium during the program.
- 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 Educator.
- You may take photos and videos for personal use; no drones, tripods or monopods are permitted. The use of flash is prohibited within our indoor spaces and discouraged elsewhere, as many of our animals are sensitive to flash photography.
- The Aquarium will provide dinner with a vegetarian option, including drinks. 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 Educators. Nut-free options are available upon request.

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THINGS TO BRING:

- Signed waivers for each participant and chaperone contracts for each chaperone
- Pillow, warm sleeping bag and sleeping pad (foam camping mats 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

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Weapons
- Chewing gum
- Tobacco, vape, or marijuana products
- Flashlights, glow sticks, laser pointers, etc.
- Additional food or snacks except for dietary accommodations

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

- No running
- No yelling
- No climbing on rocks
- Stay with your group

BE A GREAT CHAPERONE!

What are my chaperone responsibilities?

- Supervise children, help them learn and make sure they behave appropriately.
- Actively participate in planned activities and use devices only during breaks.
- Keep track of children and stay with your group at all times.

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.

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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.

Can we visit the gift shop?

- If you would like the gift shop to be opened early 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.

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

The Aquarium Sleepover Educators 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 Educators before leaving the Aquarium, and you will be able to re-enter the Aquarium during regular operating hours (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the winter and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the summer).

What else do I need to know?

- Free coffee will be available in the morning.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Organization or School Group: _____

Signature: _____

Have questions or want additional information?

Contact 541-283-1187, or email sleepinthedeep@aquarium.org