

Wild Nights

Preparation Pamphlet

Your Wild Nights event is
happening soon!

Please review the information
below to make sure you're
prepared.

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Policies

The entire group participates in all activities and must adhere to all rules and policies. Everyone, including chaperones must follow the instructions of Wild Night staff.

We ask that there are no late arrivals and no early departures. Please plan to be at the entry gate by 5:30. You can come sooner, but please do not come later.

While Zoo staff are here to lead the program activities, group leaders and chaperones are responsible for helping with supervision of youth participants at all times. Chaperones are responsible for the behavior of the youth in their care and must ensure that their group is always under their control.

The following are our expectations for our overnight groups:

- 1. Be Respectful** - be respectful to other Wild Night participants, staff, facilities, environment, and animals.
- 2. Be Responsible** - keep track of your belongings and clean up after yourself, listen and follow the directions of the overnight host and instructors, and use any tools and materials appropriately.
- 3. Be Safe** - make sure your overnight experience is a safe environment for everyone, by using appropriate language, using materials appropriately, staying with your group, and not sharing food. We have a zero-tolerance policy for harming other participants or damaging property.

If these expectations are infringed upon, you or your group may be asked to leave without refund.



Packing List

What To Bring	What to Leave
Sleeping Bag or Blankets, Sleeping Pads or Mattress	Tents
Pillow and Pajamas	Weapons, Pocket Knives, etc.
Weather Appropriate Clothing	Alcohol, Nicotine, or Other Substances
Personal Toiletries: Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, etc.	Electronics (phones, iPads, etc)
Water Bottle	Balls, Balloons, Toys
A Postive Attitude!	Flashlights

If you have specific questions about what you should bring or not bring, feel free to reach out at wildnights@sfzoo.org



Agenda

Evening

5:30 - Guests Arrive - Icebreaker, Agreements, Schedule

6:00 - Setup Camp

6:30 - Pizza Dinner

7:00 - Night Tour Begins

8:30 - Evening Activities in the Education Building

10:00 - Lights Out

Morning

7:00 - Wake Up

7:30 - Breakfast

8:00 - Breakdown Camp

8:30 - Morning Tour Begins

9:45 - Debrief

10:00 - Goodbye! Option to stay the rest of the day



FAQ's

Which animals will we see?

We will be visiting our crepuscular and nocturnal animals. Every event will vary, and it will be a mystery of who comes out until night-of! You might see wolves, bears, snow leopards, or lions. In the morning you will see more animals you missed the night before!

What's on the menu for dinner and breakfast?

For dinner we will have pizza and veggies. For breakfast we will have options such as bagels with cream cheese, yogurt, and fruit. Snacks such as granola bars and tangerines will be available between meals, and a sweet treat will be offered after your night tour.

What if I have a dietary restriction or don't like what's offered for the meals?

If you have a concern about the meals, you may bring snacks or alternative food. If you are bringing food, please ensure that it is properly sealed to avoid attracting unwanted critters.

Where should I meet at 5:30?

Enter into the Zoo's main parking lot. Parking for the event is complimentary. You will see a sign for Wild Nights and a Zoo staff indicating to enter through the main entrance of the Zoo. Once through the gate, veer left and you will see Zoo staff with a table to sign in. Arrive by 5:30.

Are the lights out and wake up times mandatory?

To be respectful to all guests, we ask that by 10pm you are in bed and ready to sleep. If you are falling asleep before 10 that is alright! In the morning we ask that you stay quiet in bed until 7am. We have books you can read if you are an early riser.

Can I bring my electronic devices?

To maintain the intimacy of the evening, please refrain from excessive use of devices. That is, chaperones, bring your phone in case of emergencies, but please no playing games, watching videos, etc. while at our event.



We look forward

to seeing you soon!



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