Night at the Museum FAQ

What can participants expect at Night at the Museum?
This is a unique opportunity for children ages 5-12 to spend the night at the NAT. Bring your sleeping bag and explore one of the most exciting museums in town. Spend your evening enjoying dinosaur- and pirate-inspired activities and visit the Museum’s exhibits. Enjoy a snack break to fuel yourself for a scavenger hunt and a pirate costume contest. Before you know it you’ll be listening to bedtime stories or watching a film in our giant screen theater before crawling into your sleeping bag in Fossil Mysteries.

When is Night at the Museum?
Saturday, March 29, 2014.

What time does Night at the Museum begin/end?
The overnight begins at 6 PM and ends at 9 AM the next morning.

Who is Night at the Museum designed for?
The overnight program is designed for children ages 5-12 and their parents/chaperones. Family groups can range in size, but must always maintain a minimum 1:3 ratio of chaperones to children. Chaperones must be at least 21 years old.

It is required that children attending are between the ages of 5 & 12. The activities offered are designed for children in this age range and children who are younger or older would not find them appropriate for their skills or interests. Children less than 5 years of age are not allowed particularly because of the program timeline. The program runs until 10:30 PM with bedtime at 11:00 PM.

How much does Night at the Museum cost?
$99 per person for Museum members.
$125 per person for non-members.

When should I register?
If you know your schedule in advance, we recommend registering as soon as possible. Registration begins Monday, February 17 for members and Monday, February 24 for non-members.

How do I purchase tickets for Night at the Museum?
2. Call our reservations office at 619.255.0210 or 877.946.7797 (Mon-Fri, 9 AM–4 PM).
3. Register in-person at the Museum.
Where do we park?
Parking is available at our facility conveniently located next to the Museum on Village Place and Park Boulevard. Upon check-in you will receive a parking permit to place on your dashboard overnight. There is no charge to park.

How do we check in?
Please enter at the north entrance by the large fig tree. A staff member will check you in and direct you on where to put your things. An itinerary for the evening will be provided. The entrance will remain open until 8 PM.

What if we arrive late?
The north entrance will remain open until 8 PM. Admission will not be permitted after 8 PM.

What should we bring?
Everyone must bring a sleeping bag and pillow. Other items to bring are a toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloth, flashlights and your favorite pajamas.

What kind of food will be served?
An evening snack will include cookies, granola bars, fruit, and vegetable trays. Beverages will include juice, water, hot cocoa, coffee, and tea. Breakfast will include fresh fruit, muffins, bagels, cereal, yogurt, coffee, tea, and juice.

Can we bring our own food and beverages into the Museum?
No outside food or beverages will be allowed into the Museum; however, you can bring your own water bottle.

Where will we be sleeping?
Guests will sleep in the Fossil Mysteries exhibit on level 2.

Can we add participants to our group?
Space is very limited for the sleepovers. If you want to add participants or make changes to your reservation, please call 619.255.0210 (Mon-Fri, 9 AM-4 PM). If spaces are available, immediate payment will be required by phone. Spaces are provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.

What if someone cancels in our group?
Unfortunately, there are no refunds for the sleepovers. Please feel free to invite someone in their place.

Which sections of the Museum will be open?
The first, second, and third floors along with the atrium will be available for open exploration which includes California: A Water Story, Fossil Mysteries and SKULLS. The exhibition Real Pirates: The Untold Story of the Whydah from Slave Ship to Pirate Ship begins on the second floor and continues on the lower level and will be open from 6:30 PM - 9 PM.
How many people can attend?
These events can accommodate up to 125 people.

What if someone gets sick?
If a member of your group gets sick or injured, please notify a staff member immediately.

Can we leave early?
Yes, participants may leave early if necessary. Please make prior arrangements with our staff before your sleepover date.

Will the Museum Store be open?
The Museum Store will open at 7:30 AM the morning after the sleepover.

Are the exhibits and programs handicapped-accessible?
Yes, all sleepover activities are fully handicapped-accessible.

How many chaperones are required to participate with each group?
Each group will be required to maintain a minimum 1:3 ratio of chaperones to children.

When do I receive confirmation?
You will receive confirmation via email immediately after you register for a Night at the Museum event. Please print the confirmation email and bring it with you on the date of your event along with your filled out participant release forms.

Are younger and older siblings allowed to participate?
No, younger and older siblings are not permitted to attend the sleepovers if they are not between the ages of 5-12.

How old must a chaperone be?
All chaperones must be 21 or older.

Can we visit the Museum the next day?
We will be closed from 9-10 AM on Sunday morning. Museum members can return to the Museum at 10 AM. Non-members will need to purchase general admission or tickets to Real Pirates.

Where can we store our sleeping equipment before and after the sleepover?
Once you arrive and check-in, you will be directed to a storage area to put your things. Later in the evening, you can retrieve your belongings to take them to Fossil Mysteries to set-up your sleeping spot. In the morning, you can pack your things and bring them down to the atrium before you leave.