

Teacher and Group Expectations

In order to ensure the best possible sleepover experience, we must emphasize the importance of your involvement and preparation as well as the all chaperones attending. Here are a few rules and expectations to ensure the safety of you and your group as well as our animals the night of your sleepover:

- No running or “Heelys”. The floor is very hard and there are a lot of things that you could hurt yourself on. We don’t want Mom or Dad to come get you tonight and you miss out on all the fun.
- You will get a chance to touch some amazing animals here at the Aquarium. The touch tank is a great place to see some of these animals and you’ll get a chance to meet some of these creatures later in the evening. This area is only open when a staff member is present. Please to not put your hands in any of the other tanks or try to touch any animals on exhibit!!!
- The animals need their sleep too. They are used to their daily patterns/ behavior. Please no shining flashlights into the exhibits.
- The animals don’t eat gum. We ask you not to either.
- The animals are not used to cell phone noise and your sleeping neighbors might not be too happy either. Please turn cell phones and pagers off or to vibrate mode.
- Please do not leave the building. Re-entry is not permitted. ** You can certainly enjoy the Riverside Terrace, outdoor decks and both aviaries until 11:00pm. Doors to the aviaries will be locked at 11:00pm and reopened in the morning.
- The lights over exhibits may start to go out around 10:30pm. Flash photos are OK until the exhibit lights go off at 11:00pm.
- You may not sleep on the stairs or benches; you may sleep anywhere there is carpet.
- Restrooms are only located on the first floor across from the Aquarium Shop. Once you know where you’ll be sleeping, make sure you know the quickest route to the bathrooms, just in case. There are no shower facilities.
- Feel free to wake up an Aquarium staff member if you need something during the night.
- Please leave the Aquarium as neat and tidy as you found it when you arrived.

The activities throughout the evening are hands-on and we ask that group leaders and chaperones refrain from answering questions or doing the activities for the students. We appreciate the assistance of group leaders and chaperones in keeping students safe, on task and respectful to the educators, our facility and the animals. You are a valuable component for a great experience and your help is greatly appreciated!