

## Center for Aquatic Sciences Overnight Program Important Information

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### **WHAT TO BRING:**

- Sleeping gear (sleeping bag, foam pad, pillow)
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Change for vending machines (optional)
- Money for souvenirs at the Aquarium gift shop (optional)
- Warm, comfortable clothes - There may not be an opportunity to change clothes, so participants should wear clothes comfortable enough to sleep in. Make sure to dress in layers as the aquarium's temperature can vary greatly during the night.
- Flashlight (Optional. Please refer to rules of conduct regarding flashlight policy)

### **WHAT NOT TO BRING:**

- Food & Drinks
- Cots and lawn chairs
- Air mattresses larger than twin size
- Electronic games, Personal Music Players and other electronic equipment
- Balloons
- Heelys\*\*

*\*\*Please note that HEELYS (sneakers with the wheel in the heel) are **NOT** permitted in the Aquarium. Guests with Heelys will be asked to remove their wheels and they may be picked up in the morning.*

### **HOW TO PACK YOUR GEAR:**

- Each individual's / family's gear should fit inside one large waterproof bag (such as a trash bag or duffel bag).
- Remember that you are only packing for **one night**, and **you** will be carrying your own gear from the Aquarium entrance to the storage area, from the storage area to your sleeping area and to your cars in the morning.
- Storage space for gear is limited...please be respectful of other guests attending the event and pack light.
- Name and Group should be clearly marked on the outside of the bag. Your gear will be stored with 350 other people's gear. Make it easy to find your stuff!

### **WHERE TO GO:**

- Campers and gear should be dropped off in front of the Aquarium between 6:00 & 6:45 pm before parking!
- Drivers will be asked to then park their car in the garage, and can take the shuttle back to the Aquarium to be reunited with their group.
- Staff will be waiting at the front gates to give further instructions.

### **PARKING:**

**Parking is in the garage across the street from the Aquarium and cars will be safe all night.** THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$11.00 (rates are set by the Camden Parking Authority and are subject to change) PER CAR! You won't have access to your car after 7:30pm. Due to the logistics of the program, late arrivals and early departures are **STRONGLY** discouraged. The garage is locked from 7:30pm – 7am. Once the garage is locked, the Center staff does not have the ability to open it. No other parking facilities are available or recommended.

**SECURITY & EMERGENCIES:**

The Center Staff is trained in Basic First Aid and CPR. In case of emergency, our Security phone number is (856) 365-3300, ext. 7353. Please leave this number, as well as your group number, with parents at home.

**SLEEPING ASSIGNMENTS:**

Guests will be placed in sleeping areas in front of exhibits that are appropriate to the size of their group. Due to the large size of most overnights, we cannot confirm your sleeping area prior to arrival. Overnight Program guests will receive their sleeping assignments at 10:30pm the night of their program. Sleeping areas will be set up **after** 10:30 pm so that we can explore the Aquarium all evening without stepping over (or on) people's possessions. Please prepare the children in your group accordingly. We cannot send sleepy children to bed any earlier than 10:30pm.

The Aquarium is not pitch black at night and in every space there are certain emergency lights that remain on all the time, so it is never completely dark. We recommend bringing sleeping masks if you are particularly sensitive to lights.

No shower facilities are available.

Air mattresses larger than twin size are not permitted. Guests with air mattresses larger than twin size will be asked to deflate them. Raised cots and lawn chairs are not permitted. Guests bringing these items into the Overnight Program will be asked to leave them in the lobby to be picked up in the morning.

**SHOPPING:**

The Aquarium Gift Shop will be open in the morning. Vending machines are available throughout the Aquarium. *The Center staff is not responsible for lost monies, empty vending machines, or other vending-related issues.*

**FOOD & DRINK:**

Please be sure to eat dinner before you arrive. An evening snack and breakfast are provided. Outside food and drink, other than bottled water, is not permitted. Please notify Overnight Program staff of any special dietary or medical requirements before your scheduled overnight.

**LEADER AND CHAPERONE BREAK ROOM:**

Coffee and tea will be provided to adults until "lights out". Smoking is only permitted outside the building. At least one chaperone must stay with campers at all times!

**THE NEXT MORNING**

Guests are invited to return to Adventure Aquarium in the morning after all activities have been completed. However, please note that all gear must be taken to your vehicles prior to 9:00 am.

**SPECIAL TIPS FOR LEADERS & CHAPERONES:**

- ☺ Please be prompt. All guests are asked to be in the Aquarium no later than 6:45pm.
- ☺ Have your organization's medical forms available for all campers . . . just in case. Center staff does not need copies of your medical forms, they should be held by your chaperones in case of emergency.
- ☺ Flashlights are recommended for late night trips to the bathroom.
- ☺ Help us keep the program on schedule by following all instructions from your Overnight Program staff.