



MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM®

Family Seashore Sleepover Planning Guide

Arrival:

- The first hour of the camp-in, 7:00-8:00 p.m., is designated as arrival time. There will be activities scheduled during this time. If you arrive late you might miss some of the activities.
- We do not have staff at the doors after 8:00 p.m. - late arrival is difficult to accommodate. Please call the reservation center in advance at (866) 963-9645, during business hours, if you absolutely must arrive late. If you are unexpectedly delayed on your way to the camp-in you may contact our security office at (831) 648-4840.
- Campers will enter the Aquarium through the group entrance on Hovden Way.
- When you arrive you will stow your camping gear. You will retrieve your camping gear when it is time to set up your sleeping areas at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Parking:

- Most street parking near the Aquarium is either time limited or metered. Many of the meters are monitored until 8:00 or 10:00 p.m.
- Overnight parking is available in a city garage located at Foam and Hoffman streets, or a city parking lot located at Foam and Irving streets.
- You can drop off camping gear in the pull out directly in front of the Aquarium or across the street in the bus turn around.

Food:

- You will not be allowed to bring food or drink into the Aquarium.
- Dinner is **NOT** included in the sleepover - please eat before you arrive.
- There will be a light snack of cookies, milk, fruit and water before bedtime.
- The continental breakfast includes hot and cold cereal, muffins or pastries, assorted fruit, milk, tea, coffee and juice.
- Breakfast is served between 7:00-8:00 a.m.
- Food is prepared in house using and/or alongside foods that may cause allergies, such as eggs, peanuts and nuts.

Smoke-Free Environment Policy:

- To forward our principles to promote the health and well-being of our guests and employees, smoking is prohibited by all persons anywhere on Aquarium property.



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Evening Activities:

- We plan a variety of activities geared for different ages throughout the evening for our campers. These may vary somewhat from one sleepover event to another. Campers are free to choose the activities in which they wish to participate, or to use the evening time for self-guided exploration of the Aquarium. Please keep in mind that some exhibits close earlier than others.
- Camping gear is available to set up sleeping areas at approximately 10:00 p.m. and lights begin to go down at 10:30 p.m. depending on the exhibit space. All exhibit lights go out by 11:00 p.m.
- Exhibit areas vary overnight in terms of light levels, sleeping space, and ambient noise. For the safety of our animals, some exhibit windows may be blocked (either with a bubble curtain or black exterior screens) during portions of the night. The Monterey Bay Habitats exhibit is one such area (black screens), as is the Outer Bay large viewing window (bubble curtain).
- We cannot accommodate an earlier bedtime, as the camping gear in exhibits would limit all campers' access to the exhibit spaces.
- Final bedtime for ALL campers is 12:00 midnight.
- Wake up is at 7:00 a.m. All campers must immediately pack up their gear and stow it in the auditorium. All campers must vacate the exhibit areas by 7:45 a.m.
- Morning activities: Packing up camping gear, breakfast and informal naturalist chats on the back deck.

Gift and Bookstore:

- The Gift and Bookstore will be open from 8:00-8:30 a.m. for campers who wish to make any purchases.

What to bring/What not to bring

- Aquarium floors are hard - we recommend you bring some kind of pad to sleep on with your sleeping bag.
- P.J.s, toothbrush, toothpaste and face towel. There are no shower facilities.
- Pillow
- Camera
- You will be sleeping in exhibit areas of the Aquarium in the vicinity of other campers. You may want to bring earplugs if you are a light sleeper.
- What *not* to bring:
 - food or drinks
 - tents (these block the view to the exhibits for other campers)
 - radios, music/MP3 players or electronic toys

Cell phones should be put on silent mode.

The Aquarium is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items.