



# Binder Park Zoo Overnights

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What are Binder Park Zoo Overnights?**

Binder Park Zoo Overnights are educational and fun experiences at Binder Park Zoo at night!

### **What is the difference between Group Overnights and Family Overnights?**

*Group Overnights* are geared towards groups (Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and other organized groups). *Family Overnights* are geared toward families. Think of **WHO**. Who are you attending your Overnight with?

### **What is the difference between Zoo Snooze and Overnight Safari?**

*Zoo Snooze* takes place on the East side of the Zoo. *Overnight Safari* takes place on the Wild Africa side of the zoo. Think of **WHERE**. Where are you attending your Overnight?

### **What will we do?**

You will see animals for an animal presentation, take a night hike, spend the night at the zoo, participate in activities/games, and more!

### **What animals are we going to see?**

We can't guarantee what animals we see on any given night.

### **What should we bring?**

Bring whatever you need to spend the night. Please keep temperature and weather in mind.

### **Who supervises my child(ren)?**

The adults in your group are responsible for supervising the children/minors in your group. A general rule of thumb of adults to minors is a ratio of 1:7.

### **Who is attending our Overnight?**

Your group and at least two staff members attend your Overnight together. If you are attending a Family Overnight, 8 different families can attend the same Overnight but have separate sleeping arrangements.

### **When do Binder Park Zoo Overnights take place?**

Fridays to Saturdays go from 5:00 p.m. on Friday to 10:00 a.m. the following Saturday.  
Saturdays to Sundays go from 6:00 p.m. on Saturday to 11:00 a.m. the following Sunday.

### **What time should we arrive for the program?**

Staff will meet at the designated meeting spot 5-15 minutes before your program.

### **Can we come early/late or leave early/late?**

No. The program is a lock-in program. Coming and going at different times is not allowed. In the event of heavy traffic, bad weather, or other extenuating circumstances, call the phone number given to you during the registration process. If you do not know this number, call the zoo office.

**Where do we meet before the program?**

For Zoo Snooze, meet at the picnic tables to the left of the entrance.

For Overnight Safari, meet in the parking lot outside of the office.

**What will we eat?**

All overnights comes with a pizza party for dinner, s'mores snack at night, and a continental breakfast.

You can bring your own non-perishable food at no additional cost to you, but you do not have access to appliances or storage.

**A member of our group has special dietary needs and/or allergies. What can you do to help?**

Please let the program coordinator know of any allergies or dietary restrictions. There is a section on the registration to indicate this.

**Can we smoke?**

No. Binder Park Zoo is a smoke-free facility. Tobacco, marijuana, and e cigarettes are not permitted. This policy is for the safety of our animals.

**Sleeping**

For Zoo Snooze, you will sleep inside the Conservation Discovery Center or outside on the Snow Leopard Lawn (the area in front of the Snow Leopard enclosure.)

For Overnight Safari, you will sleep in one of the tented camps outside the Zamani School.

We provide separate sleeping arrangements for females and males.

At least one staff member will spend the night as well, and please feel free to wake them up in the event of an emergency.

**What if the weather is bad?**

Binder Park Zoo Overnights run rain or shine. In the event of severe weather, Binder Park Zoo has storm shelters, and staff will lead you there.

**Are your staff trained in first aid?**

Yes. At least one staff member is trained in first-aid.

**What safety protocols will the zoo enforce this year?**

Please see Binder Park Zoo's website for the current safety considerations.

**How do I register for Binder Park Zoo Overnights?**

Online registrations are preferred. Mail, fax, or drop off at the zoo office are accepted. Registration, Payment, and Release of Liability must be received at least 14 days prior to an available date.

**What do I do if online registration doesn't work?**

Click on "Register by Mail" in order to print a paper copy. Then follow the direction above.

**What should I do if need to cancel?**

Please notify the program coordinator as soon as possible if you need to cancel.  
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