

Night at The Grove- A Family Sleepover Adventure

Description

Experience the magic of The Grove after dark with a family-friendly sleepover! Embark on a scavenger hunt, meet live animals, and gather around the campfire for s'mores, popcorn, songs, and stories before tuckering out on a night hike and going to sleep in the nature center. Wake up to a light continental breakfast to start your day and a brisk morning hike. Price is per child/parent pairing. Ages 6-13 with adult.

Arrival and Check-In

The Grove is located at 1421 Milwaukee Avenue, Glenview Illinois 60025. Please plan to arrive 10-15 minutes before sleepover program start time. Staff will meet you in the East parking lot for check-in. Once everyone has arrived, staff will lead the entire group to the Interpretive Center (nature center). You'll drop off your gear in the designated sleeping areas, and we'll kick-off the sleepover program.

Children and Chaperones

- We require one chaperone for every child.
- Chaperones must be over 21.
- Children must be supervised at all times.
- Chaperones must NOT drop off their children or belongings at the entrance and leave them unsupervised while parking.

Sample Schedule

6:50PM	Check-in with staff in East parking lot
7:00PM	Drop off gear and program kicks-off in Interpretive Center
8:00PM	Campfire & Hike
10:00PM	Animal Encounters in Interpretive Center
11:00PM	Lights out!
7:00AM	Continental Breakfast followed by morning hike
8:00AM	Program ends and all gear must be out of the Interpretive Center

Parking

Overnight parking in the East and West parking lots is available. The parking lots are only available overnight for sleepover guests.

What to Bring:

- Sleeping bag & pillow
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Washcloth or hand towel
- Comfortable clothing (temperatures may vary from room to room and from outside to inside)
- Comfortable closed toe shoes
- Earplugs (sometimes our frogs make croaking sounds at night)
- Bags / backpacks

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What NOT to Bring:

- Tents
- Air mattresses (yoga mats and self-inflating sleeping-pads are okay)
- Outside food and drinks, including alcohol or other controlled substances.

Pack carefully! We do not provide any sleeping equipment.

Sleeping Areas and Personal Belongings

All guests sleeping location will be in the Interpretive Center either in the main exhibit hall or the Discovery Room. Not all sleeping areas are carpeted. We ask guests to keep their belongings in their sleeping areas but refrain from spreading out their gear until The Grove staff announce its time to prepare for bed, ensuring everyone can fully enjoy the museum. Leave a clear walkway when setting up your gear. Remember, tents, air mattresses, food, and drinks are strictly prohibited in the exhibits.

Food

We recommend eating dinner before you arrive. Outside food is not allowed. On the evening of the event, popcorn and S'mores with water and additional option will be available at the campfire. A continental breakfast will be provided the next morning beginning at 7:00 am. Please only eat in designated eating areas in order to prevent pest infestations in our collections.

If you have food allergies and need to bring your own food:

- Seal it in a heavy-duty plastic container (not a Ziploc bag) and label it with your name.
- When you check in, please give your sealed and labeled food container to The Grove staff who will retrieve it for you at campfire and/or breakfast time. Please note that while we will try our best to accommodate you we may not be able to refrigerate your food container.
- Only eat in designated areas and never in exhibition halls.

Safety

- Abide by all instructions given by The Grove staff while on Glenview Park District premises.
- Only eat in designated areas. Never bring food or drinks other than water into our exhibits.
- Keep your shoes on, except while you sleep.
- Walk—don't run—through the museum.
- Children and their chaperones must stay together at all times.
- Respect fellow overnights and their belongings when exploring exhibitions. The Grove staff reserves the right to remove guests without a refund from The Grove during the sleepover. Behavior that would merit removal includes, but is not limited to:
 - Threats, profanity, or otherwise hostile behavior directed at a staff member or other guests
 - Fighting or Theft
 - Refusal to adhere to museum regulations or staff instructions
 - Possession or consumption of alcohol and other controlled or illegal substances

Emergency Procedures

Familiarize yourself with all exits in your sleeping area. In case of an emergency, exit the museum via these doors. Meet at the grassy area to the west of the Interpretive Center, adjacent the Kennicott House Garden, across from the Kennicott Archive Building and await further instructions from staff. To ensure the fastest response, always contact our staff if and when calling 911.

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Security

Outside food, drinks, alcohol, and controlled substances are not permitted. While we encourage you to leave your belongings in your sleeping area, we highly recommend keeping your valuables with you at all times. The Grove is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

First Aid

If you or someone in your group needs assistance, please tell a staff member. They can retrieve a first aid kit for you.

Departure

Pack and clear your supplies by 8:00 am the next morning. Any items left in the Interpretive Center will be removed. If you need to leave before 8:00 am please inform our staff and exit out the front Interpretive Center doors only, as they will close and lock behind you.

Extending Your Stay

Pack your things away in your car and continue exploring The Grove after the sleepover event ends. Trails open at dawn and the Interpretive Center opens to the public at 9am.

Scheduling

Please contact The Grove at 847-299-6096 for pricing and availability.