

# Sleep In The Deep – Tennessee Aquarium

**Where:** Chattanooga, TN

**What:** Pack Overnight – Sleep next to the Sharks

**When:** Saturday Night, March 17, 2012

**Time:** Meet at 5:30 PM Eastern Time by White Tent (4:30 our time)

**Cost:** \$50 per person (includes Overnight, Dinner, IMAX film, and Continental Breakfast).

**Note:** Even though siblings are always welcome at any Cub Scouting event, per TN Aquarium policy only attendees six (6) years or older will be allowed to participate in the overnight.



Helpful Links:

- <http://www.tnaqua.org/PlanYourVisit/SleepInTheDeep.aspx>  
[Ticket Information](#)  
[Directions & Parking](#)

## INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR TENNESSEE AQUARIUM OVERNIGHT

We are excited that you will be joining us for an evening of fun at the Tennessee Aquarium. To get started, you will need to meet Aquarium staff members between the Aquarium's two buildings near the white tent between 5:30 and 5:50 pm ET. Your group will be accompanied by Aquarium staff throughout the event as you tour our galleries after hours, venture behind the scenes, meet a friendly critter and bed down for the night under the watchful eyes of some of the Aquarium's magnificent creatures. We will be on the move from the start of the program until lights out (11:55 pm) so be sure to wear comfy shoes and bring a lot of energy! Wake up is at 7:00 am to make sure we have time to get everything in before you leave us by 8:30 the next morning. Here are some things to remember...

### Meals

The dinner will be cheese or pepperoni pizza, carrots, cookies and a juice beverage or water.

The snack will be a variety of high carbohydrate items (i.e. chex mix, cheese crackers, pretzels) and water.

The continental breakfast will be muffins and apple or orange juice.

Please tell your group leader if you have food allergies that may be an issue.

### **Stuff to Bring**

toothbrush/toothpaste

small towel/facecloth

flashlight

pajamas/something to sleep in

sleeping bag/pillow

hairbrush/comb

change of clothes for next day

one stuffed animal (optional)

camera

### **Stuff NOT to Bring**

No snacks! Food is allowed only in the classrooms and the IMAX Theater.

Anything electronic or battery operated device (except for flashlights & cameras).



### **Additional Information**

Everyone will sleep on a carpeted surface. Children do not need air mattresses; if adults need something soft, a foam pad or twin sized air mattress will suffice. If sleeping on the floor will immobilize you the next morning, bring a cot that is easily transportable.

Bring just what you need for the overnight; it will make hauling gear around much easier and give you more room for the actual sleepover.

There are no shower facilities available for overnight groups.

Our gift shops begin closing at 6:00 so if you plan to enjoy them get here early!

All participants will be accompanied by Aquarium staff for the duration of the overnight.

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

**What happens during the overnight?** A typical schedule includes: tours of Ocean Journey and River Journey with mini Behind the Scenes, critter encounter, IMAX film, lights out at midnight, dinner, snack, breakfast.

**Will we see the whole facility?** A complete tour is planned. Provided your group follows our plan, all galleries will be visited. Some exhibits have strict lighting schedules that may result in viewing the animals displaying more nocturnal behaviors.

**Where and when will we sleep?** We plan for groups to bed down at 11:30 pm as the lighting turns off by midnight. Groups sleep in two locations depending on size. All sleeping areas have a carpeted surface.

**What time should we arrive?** The program begins at 6:00 pm Eastern Time, so we need your entire group at the Aquarium site by 5:30. If you are coming from the Central Time Zone, keep in mind that we are an hour ahead of you.

**After we arrive, where should we meet?** The overnight staff will meet you near the River Journey Member's Reception entrance at the large white tent. This is located between the two Aquarium Buildings.

**Where should we park? Is parking provided?** There are six public parking facilities within easy walking distance of the Aquarium. The closest and easiest to use is directly in front of our River Journey building and is paid at a flat rate. Unfortunately we are unable to provide parking for your group. If arriving by bus, bus parking is available by the IMAX Center but you must arrive prior to 6:00 pm to secure that parking.

**What is included in the meals?** Dinner includes at least two slices of pepperoni or cheese pizza, carrots, a cookie and a selection of juices or water.

Snack has the same beverages served at dinner along with bags of Chex Mix, Cheese its, and Pretzels Breakfast includes packs of muffins with a selection of fruit juices. (Instant coffee will be available for adults.)

**What IMAX film will my group view?** Overnight groups typically see the 8:00 pm movie. The IMAX schedule changes often ([http://www.tnaqua.org/IMAX/IMAX\\_schedule.asp](http://www.tnaqua.org/IMAX/IMAX_schedule.asp)), so check about a month before your date.

**What is the minimum age for participating in an overnight?** Only attendees six (6) years or older will be allowed to participate in the overnight.

**Is this only for children's groups?** While most of our groups are schools, scouts and youth groups, we can take groups of any age.

**How many adults are required?** For every group of ten children attending, one adult is required. For example, if you bring 27 children you need at least three adults.

**What if we don't have 30 people interested?** You can bring a group that is smaller than 30 provided you pay for 30. Your best choice is to see if you can bring another group with you, or perhaps friends or siblings.

**Can we have more than 80 participants?** At this time we can not comfortably accommodate more than 80 people. If we went over this number we could not guarantee the quality of the experience.

**Do all adults have to sleep at the aquarium?** If there are adults with your group that cannot stay the night, they may be able to leave around 11:30 pm. But you must still maintain the 1 to 10 ratio and adults not spending the night will still pay the same amount.

**When is the program over?** The program is scheduled to end by 8:30 am Eastern Time.

**Are there showers available during our overnight?** Showers are not available, but there will be restrooms with sinks if people care to wash faces, brush teeth, etc.

**After the program ends, will we get to tour on our own?** At this time reentry to the Tennessee Aquarium is not an option as our staff needs this time to prepare the building for guests.

**Will there be time to look in the Gift Shops?** The gift shops at River Journey and Ocean Journey close at 6:00 pm and do not reopen until 10:00 am the following morning. If you care to look in the shops, please plan to arrive around 5:00 pm.

**When can we get Tennessee Aquarium Sleep in the Deep Patches?** Patches may be purchased before or after your overnight. Please contact George Bartnik at (423) 785-4049 or e-mail him at [gpb@tnaqua.org](mailto:gpb@tnaqua.org) with additional questions.

**When should our final payment be made?** You must be paid in full for all of your confirmed attendees two weeks before your scheduled event. Payments will be used to determine your final number which we use for ordering food and staffing. Additional attendees may be added to your reservation after this point provided that payment accompanies these additions. You have up to two days before the event to increase your number. This information will be sent to you in a confirmation letter shortly after your reservation is made.



Each participant in Sleep in the Deep event must have a completed Waiver of Liability. This signed waiver must be turned in to the Sleep in the Deep instructor upon your arrival for the overnight. There can be no exceptions to this stipulation. Please make sure this form is returned to your contact before you being travel to the Aquarium.

### **WAIVER OF LIABILITY FOR A MINOR**

I am the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Participant"), who has my permission to participate in all programs and activities in the Tennessee Aquarium's Sleep in the Deep (the "Event"). I recognize and acknowledge that participation in the Event necessarily involves the risks of accident, personal injury and/or property damage. I consent to the Participant's participation in the Event and assume all these risks in connection with the Event. Participating in any activity is an acceptance of some risk of injury and I agree that the Participant is primarily dependent on his/her taking proper care of him/herself. Accordingly, in consideration of the Aquarium's allowing the Participant to participate in the Event, I hereby release the Aquarium, its officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all claims, causes of action, injuries, damages and liabilities of any nature whatsoever arising out of or relating to participation in the Event. I further understand and attest that the group leader has all necessary medical information and my permission to authorize medical treatment for the Participant should an emergency occur at this Event.

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Signature

Printed Name

Date

### **WAIVER OF LIABILITY FOR AN ADULT**

I hereby acknowledge my participation in all programs and activities in the Tennessee Aquarium's Sleep in the Deep (the "Event"). I recognize and acknowledge that participation in the Event necessarily involves the risks of accident, personal injury and/or property damage. I agree to participate in the Event and assume all these risks in connection with the Event. Participating in any activity is an acceptance of some risk of injury and I agree that I am primarily responsible for taking proper care of myself. Accordingly, in consideration of the Aquarium's allowing me to participate in the Event, I hereby release the Aquarium, its officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all claims, causes of action, injuries, damages and liabilities of any nature whatsoever arising out of or relating to my participating in the Event. I further understand and attest that the group leader has all necessary medical information and my permission to authorize medical treatment for me should an emergency occur at this Event.

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Signature

Printed Name

Date



## Tennessee Aquarium Group Behavior Contract

### Sleep in the Deep

**The Tennessee Aquarium invites you to explore, discover and enjoy the natural world. To make your visit both rewarding and enjoyable, we request that you review the following contract with all participants in your group prior to the overnight.**

**You must bring this signed contract with you for admission to Sleep in the Deep.**

The participants of \_\_\_\_\_, represented by \_\_\_\_\_,  
(name of group) (group leader)

Who can be reached at \_\_\_\_\_ agree to the following:  
(contact phone numbers)

- We will stay with our adult chaperones the entire time we are visiting the Tennessee Aquarium and IMAX Theater, including both inside and outside on the plaza.
- We understand that other people may be visiting the Tennessee Aquarium and IMAX Theater -while our group is there. We will be polite and respectful of other visitors.
- We will walk, not run, through the galleries at all times while visiting the Tennessee Aquarium.
- We will listen to and comply with the Instructor's safety instructions while touring those parts of the building not normally open to the public.
- We understand that the Tennessee Aquarium is home to many animals. We will not tap on the exhibit windows, put our hands or other objects in the water, or feed anything to the animals.
- At Discovery Carts, Interactive Stations and during Education Programs we will follow the Tennessee Aquarium staff instructions regarding the handling of biofacts and the gentle touching of live animals.
- We will obey the "lights out" policy as explained by the Overnight Instructor.
- We will not eat, drink, chew gum or smoke while visiting the animals' home at the Tennessee Aquarium. All of the Aquarium's facilities are smoke-free.
- No outside food or drink is allowed in the building (see confirmation letter regarding food allergies). Meals and snack will be served in designated areas only.
- If we have questions, we will ask the Aquarium staff for information.

#### Group Leader:

*I have read the Behavior Contract to my group and accept responsibility for their behavior during our visit to the Tennessee Aquarium. I understand that my group may be asked to leave without a refund if they violate this contract.*

Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Total number in attendance \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Client Number 217130