



## **Connecticut Science Center's Super Science Challenge Overnight Program**

**Connecticut Science Center**  
**2011 OVERNIGHT PROGRAM**

Our Overnight Program is designed to allow youth to experience the programming and the exhibits of the science center in a unique way. Your students and chaperones will participate in our hands-on egg drop challenge where they will think like engineers and compete in designing a vehicle that can house an egg and cause it to survive a 100 ft. drop! The students will use skill and creativity to design, test, and re-design their vehicles in our labs then watch as their vehicles are dropped from our 6<sup>th</sup> floor bridge. In addition, the students will engage in free exploration of our exhibit galleries, they will view one of our films in our 3-D digital theatre, and enjoy a light snack.

After the evening activities are completed, the students and chaperones will camp out on the floor of our exhibit galleries with their sleeping bags and pillows (air mattresses are welcomed). The morning portion of the program includes a light breakfast, access into our gift shop, and free exploration of the Science Center for the remainder of the day.

The following states the responsibilities of both your group and the Connecticut Science Center for the 2011 overnight season. Please review this document; retain a copy for your records. As the group leader, **you are responsible for making sure that everyone in your group(s) gets this information.** Groups not following these guidelines may be removed from the program without a refund.

**GROUP RESPONSIBILITIES**

The cost for the overnight is **\$65 per person** (including children and chaperones). **Please be prepared to pay \$18 per vehicle upon arrival, to cover the cost for parking in the parking garage.** A 25% **non-refundable** deposit is required to solidify your reservation.

- The final count of participants should be submitted 3 weeks prior to the scheduled event.
- The balance should be turned in **no later than 3 weeks** prior to your scheduled overnight.
- Each group attending an overnight must submit a roster of the names of all the participants (children and chaperones) in the pack, den, or troop or group.
- This roster should be returned with the remainder balance payment.
- **Connecticut Science Center reserves the right to cancel any group that has not met the deposit or balance deadline.**
- Minimum age for the Super Science Challenge overnight program is **five (5) years old**. For their own safety, children younger than 5 are **NOT** permitted to attend the program.

- If any participant in your group requires special accommodations (i.e. wheelchair accessibility, etc.), please call the Youth Program Department in advance so we can better serve your needs.

### **OVERNIGHT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.**

- Check-in is from 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM. **Scheduled activities begin at 7:00 PM sharp.** The Science Center Closes at 5:00pm and set up for the evening's events will take place during that time. **Please do not plan to arrive before 6:00 pm.**
- The program will run from **6:00pm** and ends at **8:00am** the next day.
- **Participants who will be driving and parking should be prepared to pay \$18 per vehicle upon arrival, to cover the cost for parking in the parking garage.** This cost allows you to park from 6pm the night of your overnight until 6pm the next evening.
- Participants who participate in an overnight event will be able to stay and visit the Connecticut Science Center for the entire day following the overnight.
- Due to the logistics of the program, late arrivals and early departures are **STRONGLY** discouraged. All vehicles should park in the Science Center/Riverfront Garage (via Grove Street). If you foresee needing to leave in the middle of the night, it is recommended that you park in the Convention Center Garage (located directly across the street next to the Hartford Marriott Downtown). You will be able to get out of the garage however, you will not be able to re-enter. At which point you may park in the convention center garage for an additional cost. **Note: Connecticut Science Center will not be held responsible for any vehicles that are damaged while parked in the Science Center/ Riverfront garage or the Convention Center Garage.**
- All registered children & chaperones **MUST** be listed on an attendance roster. **Admission for guests who are not included on the roster is not guaranteed.**
- Only registered children (of the appropriate age) and registered chaperones are permitted to attend.
- CHAPERONE RESPONSIBILITIES – Only adults registered as chaperones will be admitted.
  - There must be at least 1 adult chaperone for every 5 children.
  - **Chaperones may not leave children unattended at any time.**
  - Chaperones are strongly urged to participate with their children in the scheduled activities.
  - All Chaperones will be expected to conduct themselves as such at **ALL** times

- It will be the Chaperones responsibility to make sure that all children adhere to the policies below:
- Scouts will be respectful of themselves, other campers, and the Science Center Staff.
- Scouts will be respectful of the property and personal space of other campers and the Science Center.
- Scouts understand that profanity is not allowed at any time during the overnight program.
- Scouts understand that they must keep their hands, feet, and objects to themselves at all times.
- Scouts understand that the Connecticut Science Center has zero tolerance for name calling, fighting, or harassment of any sort.
- Scouts understand that cell phones, IPods, cameras, or any other personal item brought from home is not to be used during instructional time. Furthermore, I understand that these items are the sole responsibility of the owner and Connecticut Science Center or its staff shall not be held responsible if they are lost, stolen, or damaged.
- Scouts and Chaperones understand that the use of cigarettes, lighters, matches, illegal drugs, alcohol, and weapons of any kind are strictly prohibited.

All chaperones must adhere to all policies as stated here.

**Note: The Connecticut Science Center is a smoke free zone. Smoking within 25 feet of the building is strictly prohibited (this includes the Parking Garage). All doors and other entrances of the Science Center will be locked during the overnight program so you will not be able to exit the building and come back in again.**

## **CANCELLATIONS**

Groups or individuals who choose not to participate in an overnight, which has not been officially cancelled, will not be granted a refund.

**Incident weather:** The final decision to cancel or operate an overnight will be made by the Connecticut Science Center.

Connecticut Science Center will inform you of any cancellation by noon on your scheduled overnight date. The group leader is responsible for contacting participants with the cancellation information.

**Rescheduling:** In the event Connecticut Science Center cancels an overnight event, we will reschedule. If a suitable reschedule date cannot be agreed upon, we will provide a full refund.