



SNORE & ROAR SURVIVAL KIT

Greetings from Roger Williams Park Zoo!

Your group is about to experience Roger Williams Park Zoo like so few have – after dark! We're excited to have you spend the night with us. Please read the following materials *thoroughly*, as understanding them will be vital to the success of our evening.

Chaperones

Please see separate chaperone information for important details just for you and travel directions (you'll be headed to a security entrance, not the main entrance to the Zoo).

What to Expect - A Sample Schedule

PM Schedule		AM Schedule	
6:00PM	Arrival and Unloading	7:00AM	Wake-up, Breakfast, Pack
6:15PM	Introductions, Safety Information	8:00AM	Move Vehicles to Main Parking Lot
6:45PM	Animal Encounters	8:15AM	Morning Zoo Tour
7:15PM	Dinner/Dessert	9:00AM	Keeper Chat with RWP Zoo Zookeeper
7:45PM	Activities	9:30AM*	End of Snore and Roar
9:15PM	Night Hike	Until 4:00PM	Tour Zoo at your Leisure
10:00PM	Movie, Snack and Bedtime		*Snore & Roars scheduled before April and after Columbus Day will conclude at 10:00AM

Arrival

All participants and belongings must arrive and be safely accommodated by the registered chaperones' vehicles as they will be driving into the zoo complex for parking and will be relocating participants and vehicles to the main entrance in the morning. Read on for more detailed arrival information.

Late Arrivals and Early Departures

As you can see, we have a lot planned! Snore & Roar staff will be fully engaged with your group all night, which makes late arrivals and early departures difficult to accommodate. A late arrival or early departure will remove Snore & Roar staff from group programming & detract from the experience. If someone in your party is considering a late arrival or early departure, please contact your group leader immediately.

What to Bring

There will be a short walk from cars to our program space. Please make every effort to pack well and bring only what can be carried in one trip! Please note that the Zoo is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. It is highly recommended that possessions be labeled.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap | <input type="checkbox"/> Comb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow | <input type="checkbox"/> Washcloth | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Optional: Padded sleeping mat or single person inflatable mattress (twin) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hand towel | <input type="checkbox"/> Weather appropriate outerwear |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste | |

What to Leave at Home

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cell-phones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flashlights* - flashlights will not be allowed on grounds during your night tour, but if participants would feel more comfortable with flashlights near them in the sleeping area, please feel free to bring them along |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronics (I-pods, tablets, video games, etc) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shampoo & conditioner – the Zoo does not have shower facilities | |

What to Wear

To simplify bedtime preparation and early morning wake-up, we ask that all children come to the Snore and Roar dressed in sweats and t-shirts and plan to sleep in them. Each child should wear outerwear and shoes suitable for an outdoor walk around zoo grounds in all weather conditions. Evening and morning Zoo tours will take place rain or shine, warm or cold. The animals don't mind!

SNORE & ROAR DETAILS & FAQS

Important Note

While we feel confident that your group members will conduct themselves with respectful behavior towards the animals, staff, and other guests, any behavior by adult or child deemed inappropriate by RWPZoo staff may be cause for dismissal from the program **without a refund**. Smoking and alcohol consumption at any time or place during the Snore & Roar program are expressly prohibited.

Dinner, Snack, & Breakfast

Cheese pizza, lemonade and fruit punch will be served for dinner and ice cream sandwiches for dessert. Popcorn will be offered as a snack with the movie. In the morning, a variety of cereal, milk and juice will be offered. Coffee will be available for adults.

Chaperoning adults are welcome to supplement either meal by bringing vegetables, salad and/or fruit – a refrigerator is available. Any medical or cultural dietary restrictions are the responsibility of chaperones and should be discussed with the Program Registrar prior to your Snore and Roar.

Bedtime & Sleeping Arrangements

To end the evening, an animal-themed animated feature film will be shown starting around 10:00 PM. Participants will vote on a selection of choices. The expectation (hope!) is that participants will fall asleep during this movie. If you prefer that you/your child not watch the movie, you are encouraged to bring ear buds or headphones.

Participants will sleep in our climate-controlled classrooms on floors of vinyl tile. While the tile is more sanitary than carpet, the sleeping surface is hard. Participants are strongly encouraged to bring a cushion, sleeping mat or extra blankets. Cots & twin size air mattresses are permitted. Any cot or air mattress larger than twin-size must sleep more than one person or will not be permitted.

The Overnight Program Coordinator will sleep nearby, and night security will be on Zoo grounds.

Will We Be Going Behind-the-Scenes with Animals?

For participant and animal safety, behind-the-scenes experiences are not included in overnight programs. Instead, your group will meet wild animal ambassadors in classroom encounters prior to exploring the Zoo at night.

Allergies & Medications

Please discuss allergies & medications with your group leader. All medications are the responsibility of chaperones. However, in the case of a medical emergency, there will be an individual certified in First Aid and CPR on site at all times.

Age Requirements

While touring the zoo at night is fun for all ages, sleeping overnight can be intimidating. More importantly, the programming is designed for specific ages. Please consider one of the Zoo's day education programs or Zoo events for younger children.

Weather Conditions

Snore & Roars are rain, snow, or shine unless conditions are deemed unsafe by RWP Zoo Director of Operations. In all weather, being outdoors for at least some portion of the program is unavoidable, so please monitor conditions closely and wear rain gear, winter jackets, hats, gloves, boots, etc if needed. As they say, there's no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes!

Gift Shops & Souvenirs

Each *child* will receive a souvenir Snore & Roar patch at the conclusion of the program. The Discover the Wild Gift Shop opens at 10:00 AM and your group is welcome to visit after the program concludes.

SNORE & ROAR ARRIVAL PLAN

*****Important***Important***Important:** This is not the Zoo's main entrance. Even if you are familiar with the Zoo, *please* follow these directions, not your GPS or signs.

From the North – Traveling 1-95 South

- ★ Take Exit 34, Elmwood Ave
- ★ Left at light onto Elmwood Ave.
- ★ Stay in the left lane to travel under the overpass, through the traffic light, and take a left into Roger Williams Park at the brick pillars. Baseball fields will be on your right and a bus stop adjacent to the brick pillars.
- ★ After entering the park, follow one-way traffic around the Rose Garden, consistently bearing left until you see the Snore and Roar Sign.
- ★ All chaperones should stage their vehicles along the right side of the road until your educator arrives to check you in at 6:00PM. Do not block traffic and do not unload your vehicles, you will be driving them into the zoo to unpack.

From the South - Traveling 1-95 North

- ★ Take Exit 33 & bear right towards Elmwood Ave.
- ★ At the bottom of the exit ramp turn left onto Elmwood Ave.
- ★ Cross under the overpass and continue through one traffic light.
- ★ Take the next right into Roger Williams Park (after the bus stop).
- ★ After entering the park, follow one-way traffic around the Rose Garden, consistently bearing left until you see the Snore and Roar Sign.
- ★ All chaperones should stage their vehicles along the right side of the road until your educator arrives to check you in at 6:00PM. Do not block traffic and do not unload your vehicles, you will be driving them into the zoo to unpack.



Overnight staff will greet you at your vehicles promptly at 6:00 PM. Because the zoo is closed to the public at this time, no early access can be granted so please remain in your vehicles until greeted. Due to the logistics involved, all participants must arrive with a registered chaperone. There is no drop-off option for parents not staying at the zoo.

To contact the Overnight Program Coordinator after 5:00 PM on the night of your event, please call **401-785-3510 ext. 393**

COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS

Background:

Snore and Roar overnight programs at Roger Williams Park Zoo are privately booked events and are not combined with other 'unrelated' groups by RWPZ. They include games, activities, and educational programming both indoors and outdoors and include visits with live animals. Participants share common restroom facilities and a large indoor sleeping space during the overnight portion of the program.

Vaccines and Testing:

- We encourage all visitors and participants to follow CDC and RIDOH guidelines, recommendations, and schedules regarding COVID-19 vaccinations and testing.
- RWPZ will **not** be requiring proof of vaccinations or a negative test as a condition of participation. It is up to each individual organization/group and their leaders to implement and manage such a requirement should they choose to, or it becomes necessary.

Symptomatic Participants:

- Any person exhibiting known COVID-19 symptoms will be asked to leave and will not be permitted to stay and participate in the remainder of the program.
- Those symptoms include, but are not limited to: Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.
- This policy will be enforced regardless of vaccination status, masking, and/or the presence of a negative test result.

COVID Protocols:

RWPZ has also adopted the following COVID-19 mitigation strategies as they relate to Snore and Roars.

- We sanitize Snore and Roar equipment, spaces, and supplies before and after all Snore and Roar programs and as necessary throughout the program.
- We have taken steps to ensure the HVAC system is providing adequate filtration and air turnover for the building. RWPZ also provides a supplemental HEPA filtration unit to be utilized in the shared classroom/sleeping space for the duration of the program.
- We ask that chaperones assist in limiting restroom occupancy to 3 persons when readying for bed or beginning their morning. This will help mitigate potential spread while brushing teeth, etc. when risk of transmission is higher.
- Participants are asked to spread out their sleeping arrangements from other households.
- All groups/participants are expected to be aware of and follow current CDC/RIDOH COVID-19 guidelines and recommendations.

Inherent Risk:

While we hope that personal responsibility and this layered approach to our mitigation strategies will help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all, it does not eliminate the risk of exposure to or contraction of COVID-19 or any other communicable illness or disease. All participants/parents/leaders, by participating or allowing their child to participate in a Snore and Roar program, accept these inherent risks and assume full responsibility for them, even those that are not explicitly outlined here. Roger Williams Park Zoo reserves the right to update these policies as the pandemic continues to evolve.