## Bedtime with the Beasts Behavior Expectations



Thank you for scheduling an overnight with the Oakland Zoo. Please be considerate of our animals by following the rules below. Remember that the comfort of our animals is of the utmost importance to us. Your Education Specialist can terminate the program at any time if he or she feels that the animals are becoming stressed or overwhelmed. Please review these expectations with your participants so that everyone will have a fun and safe visit from the Zoo

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Please do not run through the Zoo or shout at, tease or call out to the animals. Remember that the Zoo is their home. Please stay on designated paths and do not damage plants by walking or climbing in planted areas, breaking branches or pulling leaves.

#### Stay With Your Group

Students must have a chaperone with them at all times. Adults are responsible for enforcing Zoo rules and policy. Have all adults read this **Behavior Expectations** sheet.

#### Don't Feed the Animals

Zoo animals are on carefully regulated diets to ensure their health and well-being. Please do not feed them or deposit any material whatsoever in their enclosures.

#### Leave These Things at Home

Some things are better left at home because they aren't allowed in the Zoo. These include radios, bicycles, skateboards, skates, rollerblades, balloons, Styrofoam, drinking straws, balls, Frisbees, or any other object that can be thrown into the exhibits. Some animals can eat these things and could get sick or even die.

Please note that alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the Oakland Zoo or in Knowland Park and that the Zoo is a non-smoking facility.

#### You Can Help

You can help keep our animals alive and healthy just be following these rules. If you see any foreign or unusual objects in an exhibit, please report it to your Education Specialist.

## Bedtime with the Beasts Tips for Your Program



Thank you for accompanying your group on their overnight visit to the Oakland Zoo's Bedtime With The Beasts program. You are a very important part of making this a successful event. Here are a few tips to make the experience the best it can be for you and the students. We look forward to a night full of fun and adventure! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Daniel Flynn 510.632.9525 x205, or our Reservations Associate at 510.632.9525 x220.

#### Where to Meet

Bedtime with the Beasts program begins at 7:00pm (or 6:00 pm if you are sleeping outside). It is very important for all program participants (children and adults) to be at the Zoo a few minutes early so that the program can start on time. The Zoo gates will be locked after groups arrive; we cannot interrupt the program to admit late arrivals or early departures unless there is a medical or family emergency.

Your overnight Coordinators at Zimmer Auditorium at 7:00pm and show you where to set up your equipment. The overnight will conclude the next morning at 10:00am. After the overnight program is complete, your group will have the opportunity to tour the zoo on your own at no additional charge.

#### Parking

We strongly encourage groups to carpool! All drivers should park in the Zoo's lower parking lot near Maddie's Center for Science and Environmental Education (see map). Since this program occurs after normal zoo hours, there is no parking fee.

#### When to Eat

Dinner is not part of this program. Please make sure that all members of your group eat before arriving at the Zoo. Concession stands at the Zoo will be closed during your stay. The Zoo will provide an evening snack and a continental breakfast. You are welcome to bring non-perishable snacks. Please do not bring other perishable food or drink).

#### What to Bring

Please see the enclosed packing list. Campers should wear comfortable close-toed shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. Even though we'll be sleeping indoors in our auditorium, we will be spending time outdoors, come rain or shine. Please note that our auditorium floor is composed of concrete, and sleeping pads or air mattresses are encouraged for your comfort.

# Bedtime with the Beasts Tips for Your Program



### **Packing List**

What to Bring

- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Air mattress or sleeping pad (Auditorium floor is concrete. If you are sleeping outside, there are no access to electricity for air mattresses requiring outlets).
- Flashlight
- Personal items (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
- Long pants
- Jacket or sweatshirt
- Close-toed shoes
- Socks
- Pajamas
- Zoo behavior rules

#### **Optional Items**

- Camera
- Notebook and writing utensils
- Binoculars
- Eye mask and ear plugs

#### What to leave at home

For the safety of the animals, please do not bring any of these items with you:

- Straws
- Balloons
- B Pote
- Balls, Frisbees, or other toys
- Food for the animals
- Alcoholic beverages
- Styrofoam products
- Electronic devices (radios, personal stereos, video games, etc.)

## Bedtime with the Beasts How to Find Your Program



Arriving by Car

Enter Knowland Park from Golf Links Road and make the second left into the lower entrance parking lots.

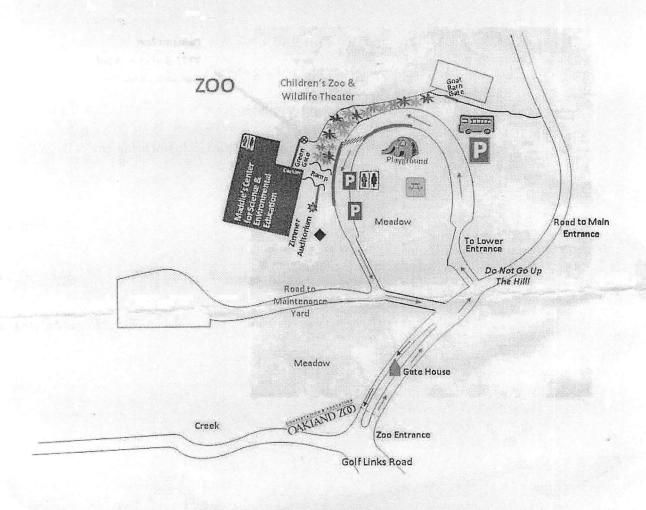
**Parking** 

Follow the road around the loop to park on the other side of the playground which is closer to the Auditorium.

Where to Gather

Maddie's Center for Science and Environmental Education and meet your Education Specialist in front of the Zimmer

Auditorium.



### Bedtime with the Beasts How to Find the Zoo



By Car or Bus From

- Contra Costa County: Take Highway 24 west to Highway 13, toward Hayward 580 east. Take 580 east to the Golf Links Road/98th Street exit. Turn left at the signal, turning under the overpass. The Zoo entrance is on the right.
- San Francisco: Take 80 east to 580 Hayward/Stockton. Exit on Golf Links Road/98th Street exit. Turn left at the signal, turning under the overpass. The Zoo entrance is on the right.
- San Jose: Take 880 north to Highway 238 east. Take 580 west to the Golf Links Road/98th Street exit. Turn right at the signal, and the Zoo entrance is on the right

