

Get ready for overnight fun!

We hope this handy guide will help you make the most of your special night at The Discovery. Previous overnights have contributed many of the ideas and suggestions you'll find here. If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact us at **775-398-5954** or **overnights@nvdm.org**. See you soon!

Only registered youth and adult chaperones may attend. A minimum of 30 participants and adult-to-youth ratio of 1:5 per registration is required. Chaperones over the required ratio must pay the participant rate to attend. Overnight registrations are non-refundable.



Prepare for your overnight

Be prepared to interact with a large group of youth and chaperones participating in this program. Previous overnights have shown, cooperation and flexibility are vital. We look forward to your help in making this a wonderful experience for everyone.

What to bring

Sleeping Gear

Bring an indoor sleeping bag for each participant. We recommend foam pads for sleeping on the floors in the museum. Electrical outlets are available if you use a CPAP machine or other medical device. All of your gear should be clearly labeled with your name to minimize the chance of items getting lost.



What NOT to bring

Please DO NOT bring tents, cots, hair dryers, curling irons, alarm clocks, toys, games, music, or alcohol.

Sleeping Spaces

Your group will be assigned a sleeping area in the museum's galleries. Overnight staff will review safety procedures with at least one adult member of your group. We appreciate your cooperation in making sure sleeping areas are set up safely.

Clothing

You'll do a lot of walking, so wear comfortable shoes and clothing. Shoes must be worn at all times. We recommend dressing in layers. Overnights usually sleep in light clothing.

Additional Suggestions

Bring a water bottle. Feel free to bring a camera as photographs are permitted in the museum. Overnights may wish to bring extra money to purchase souvenirs and educational items in the museum store the next morning as well.



A special note for chaperones

Chaperones play an important role in the safety and enjoyment of all participants in the museum overnight program. Please review the Museum Overnight Chaperone Guide before attending.

Museum Overnight Visitor Guide (cont.)

Arrival and check-in

Plan to check in between 5:00 and 5:30pm. Park in The Discovery's parking lot to the north of the building and enter through the main entrance. Staff will be there to assist you with check-in. While checking in your group you will receive a packet containing a map of the museum's exhibits, a schedule of events, and other information for a safe, successful stay. Museum staff will be available to assist you throughout the evening.

If you plan to arrive after 6:00pm please let us know.

Program Activities

This extraordinary, exploratory overnight adventure will keep you going from dusk 'til dawn! The program includes an opening welcome, instructor-led hands-on science activities and full museum exploration. You will receive an outline of the night's events when you arrive. Adults are encouraged to participate in all overnight activities!

Meals

Food is not allowed in the museum exhibits. Participants may eat in designated areas that allow food and drink. We will provide dinner, an evening snack, and light breakfast. Those with special dietary needs are encouraged to bring their own food substitutes.

Departure

Museum overnights end the following day at 10:00am just before the museum opens to the public. If you still have energy, feel free to stay longer and explore the museum.

Medical needs and first aid

When completing the museum overnight registration form, please indicate any medical conditions or needs. Please bring any medications you require

Should a participant require first aid, a museum staff member will assist you.

Sample overnight schedule

Overnights at The Discovery include a full schedule of activities. Below is a sample schedule of what you can expect on your visit:

Evening schedule

5:00–6:00pm

Check-in, dinner

6:00pm

Event orientation

6:30–10:30pm

Planned activities in the museum and snack

10:30–11:00pm

Set up sleeping space, get ready for bed

11:15pm

Lights out!

Morning schedule

6:30–7:30am

Wake up, pack up items, light breakfast

7:30–8:30am

Planned activities in the museum

8:30am

Send off

9:00–10:00am

Pack up and museum exploration

