

Day of Contact Info

Need directions or assistance? Or need to cancel last-minute due to an emergency?

Please call **(312) 805-3124**.

Preparing for the Campout

In order to have the best experience sleeping over at Lincoln Park Zoo, we recommend bringing the following items with you:

- Tent (unless you purchased a tent rental in advance)
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Sleeping mat
- Comfortable clothes and shoes for indoors and outdoors
- Basic toiletries - there will be access to basic restroom facilities without showers
- Quiet games or storybooks for downtime before going to bed
- Flashlights
- Refillable water bottles
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Ear plugs and eye masks
- Wagon to transport your belongings

We ask that you leave the following items at home:

- Air mattresses that are too large for a tent - see tent specs below.
 - Valuable items - The zoo is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
 - Alcohol, Tobacco, and/or Marijuana - We ask that you refrain from consuming alcohol, and smoking tobacco and cannabis inside the gates for the health and safety of our animals and visitors. Any persons found to be intoxicated or possessing these items will be asked to leave the program immediately. Registration fees for these individuals will not be refunded. For more information, please see the [Guest Guidelines and Code of Conduct](#).
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Parking and Arrival

If participating in the optional add-on dinner...

- Please arrive at 6 p.m.

If not participating in the optional add-on dinner...

- Please arrive by 6:45 p.m. to allow time to set up your tent.

Please enter through the West Gate (Stockton Ave.) or the East Gate (main gate in zoo parking lot).

If parking in the zoo parking lot...

- Enter at Fullerton and Cannon Drive. Continue through the lot until you see the sign for "Campout at the Zoo Overnight Parking". Follow the sign to the designated area. A Lincoln Park Zoo staff member will be in the lot to give you a placard to place on your car dashboard for overnight parking.
- Free overnight parking passes will be given out to all participants during check-in at the event. Please save the parking vending ticket you receive upon entering the lot – this will be needed along with the free parking pass to exit the lot without charge.

Limited free parking can be found on streets surrounding the zoo, including North Stockton Drive and North Lincoln Park West.

Tents

If you purchased a tent rental, you will pick up the tent at check-in. Zoo staff will be available to assist with tent setup as needed. Tent locations are not pre-assigned or designated. Some lights surrounding the camping area remain on all night, so eye masks may be helpful for comfortable sleeping.

Tent Specs

- 4-person: 8 ft. x 7 ft.
 - 6-person: 10 ft. x 9 ft.
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Food

S'mores, light bedtime snacks, and breakfast are included in your registration fee. Participants can choose the add-on dinner at 6 p.m. prior to the start of the program.

- Optional add-on dinner at 6 p.m.: Boxed dinners, including sandwiches, chips, fruit, and drinks. Gluten-free, dairy-free, and vegetarian options are available to select during registration.
 - Snacks: Goldfish crackers, pretzels, etc.
 - You are welcome to bring your own snacks, but we request that you do not eat them in zoo tents and that they not need refrigeration.
 - S'mores: Graham crackers, chocolate bars, marshmallows
 - Breakfast: Continental style – pastries, fruit, yogurt, juice, coffee, tea, etc.
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Water

While some water will be provided and drinking fountains available, it is recommended you bring your own reusable water bottle.

Additional Information

This is a rain or shine program, so dress to be outdoors for most of the night. Activities and sleeping location will be moved indoors in the case of severe weather*.

* In the case of lightning and/or severe weather, LPZ staff will recommend all Campout families to move indoors based on guidelines from the Center for Disease Control. If individuals choose not to move indoors, they do so at their own risk.