



Nightcrawler Program Information

Times: 6:00 pm - 9:30 am the following day

Schedule (subject to change)

6:00 pm	Arrival
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Unpack/Prepare for Evening Activities
6:30 pm – 6:45 pm	Rules and Expectations
6:45 pm – 10:00 pm	Guided Evening Activities
10:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Prepare for Bed
11:00 pm	Lights Out
7:00 am	Wake-Up
7:00 am – 7:30 am	Pack Up/Prepare for Morning Activities
7:30 am – 9:30 am	Breakfast and Guided Morning Activities

COVID Participant Protocols

- We ask all participants to stay home if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or if they have been in contact with a COVID-positive individual in the past 2 weeks.
- By request of the school or group, the Zoo Atlanta Education Team will adhere to a school's or group's COVID-19 safety protocols. Please email this request to education@zooatlanta.org prior to your program.

Group Leader and/or Parent Information

- **Where to meet:** Your group will begin their program at the **Education Conservation Gate** on the far-right side of the Cherokee Parking Lot. (800 Cherokee Avenue, S.E., Atlanta, GA 30315).
- **When you arrive:** Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of your program and pay for parking prior to entering the Zoo. A Zoo educator will greet you at the Education Conservation Gate to escort you into the Zoo.
- **If you are running late,** please call the Security Operations Center at 404.624.5670 to notify us of your expected arrival time. Security will notify the educators.
- **Creating an engaging experience:** Please provide these guidelines to your chaperones and participants to ensure they have a safe and enjoyable visit to Zoo Atlanta.
- **Please note:** Participants are expected to stay for the full duration of the program. Participants will be unable to leave the Zoo once the program has started until the program has ended, except in the event of an emergency.

All Participant Guidelines

- Have fun, ask questions, and take part in all activities.
- Stay with your group and chaperones at all times. If you get separated for any reason, stay where you are and do not wander; a staff member will come find you and reunite you with your group.
- Follow all instructions given by teachers, group leaders, chaperones, parents, and Zoo staff. Failure to follow instructions may result in your group missing out on planned activities.

- Please do not run, climb on fences or rocks, or tap on the habitat glass.
- Respect the animals, plants, facilities, and other program participants and staff.
- Cell phones should be turned off or muted and put away during the visit. We suggest participants avoid bringing them into the Zoo, as we are not liable for loss or damage.
- Participants may take photos without flash throughout the program. **No flash photography is permitted.**
- Videos may only be taken with consent from all participating parties (guests and staff) during the program activities. **Taking videos is not permitted in Behind-the-Scenes areas at any time.**
- **Children are not permitted to use flashlights at any time.** Adults may bring a flashlight for use in sleeping areas only. Red-light flashlights will be provided for adults to use during portions of the evening for safe animal viewing.

Chaperone and/or Parent Guidelines

- Actively take part in the program by assisting the Zoo educator with program activities, enforcing rules, and maintaining correct headcount.
- During your visit, encourage youth participants to ask questions and then look for their own answers by observing the animals, reading signs, and making guesses.
- **Discipline is your responsibility; consult your group leader if you need assistance.**

What to Bring/Wear

- Refillable water bottle
- Small snacks
- Sleeping bag/mat (no larger than twin size) and pillow
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, face cloth, etc.)
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Comfortable, closed-toed shoes suitable for lots of walking throughout the Zoo

What Not to Bring

- Air mattresses are discouraged, as they cramp sleeping areas. If an air mattress is necessary, it must be limited to twin size. Please understand that your group may need to be split up into different sleeping locations if this guideline is not followed.
- **Alcohol and smoking are prohibited during the NightCrawler program.** This includes the use of e-cigarettes. Participants are not permitted to bring these items on Zoo grounds nor leave the Zoo to use these items off-site during the program.

Accommodations

- Families and groups will share an indoor, co-ed sleeping location with other participating families and groups. We encourage participants' sleeping spots to be spaced at least 6 feet apart from one another.
- Each facility is climate-controlled with limited power outlets and is a short walk to restrooms.
- All participants must bring their own sleeping bags/mats and pillows. The Zoo does not provide any sleeping materials for participants.
- **Please note:** There are no shower facilities available at Zoo Atlanta.

Meals

- **Please eat dinner before arriving to Zoo Atlanta for the evening. Dinner is not provided.**
- A light snack is provided during your program. Feel free to bring additional snacks and non-alcoholic beverages if desired.
- A continental breakfast will be provided in the morning. Breakfast options include a variety of cereals, yogurts, and mini pastries as well as milk, fruit juice, and coffee.
- **If a program participant has allergies or special dietary needs, please let us know ahead of time by emailing education@zooatlanta.org.**

Parking – Personal Vehicles

- [Parking](#) is located in the Cherokee Avenue Parking Lot. Overnight parking is at a discounted rate of \$6 and must be paid at one of the kiosks in the lot. Starting at 9:30 am, you will need to pay the normal rate for parking in the lot. As Zoo Atlanta does not own the Cherokee Avenue Parking Lot, please contact AAA Parking at 404-347-2458 if you have any further questions about parking.
- All valuables must be removed from vehicles as Zoo Atlanta is not responsible for any property loss or damage.

Parking – Buses

If your bus will remain on Zoo grounds overnight during your NightCrawler:

- Buses must be moved from the Cherokee Avenue Parking Lot to off-grounds parking by 8:30 am sharp. Be sure your bus driver is available.

If your bus will not remain on Zoo grounds overnight during your NightCrawler:

- Buses must arrive to the Cherokee Avenue Parking Lot by 7:15 am to be re-packed/loaded. Buses must then be moved from the Cherokee Avenue Parking Lot to off-grounds parking by 8:30 am sharp.

If you have any additional questions, please visit our website at zooatlanta.org or contact the Education Department at 404.624.5822 or education@zooatlanta.org.