



## NightCrawler Program Information

**Times:** 6 p.m. to 9:30 a.m. the following day

### Program Offerings:

<b>Group NC: 1st-3rd Grade</b>	<b>Giant Panda</b>
<b>Group NC: 4th-5th Grade</b>	<b>Zoo Technology</b>
<b>Group NC: 6th-8th Grade</b>	<b>Biodiversity Explorers</b>
<b>Group NC: 9th-12th Grade</b>	<b>Conservation Careers</b>
<b>Scout NightCrawlers</b>	<b>Check website for program dates</b>

### Group Leader and/or Parent Information

- **Where to meet:** Your group will begin their program at the **Zoo Atlanta Main Entrance** (800 Cherokee Avenue, S.E., Atlanta, GA 30315).
- **When you arrive:** Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of your program. A Zoo educator will greet you at the front gate to escort you into the Zoo.
- **If you are running late,** please call the Zoo's Security Operations Center at 404.624.5670 to notify us of your expected arrival time. Security will notify the Education Team.
- **Creating an engaging experience:** Please provide the guidelines to your chaperones and participants to ensure they have a safe and enjoyable visit to Zoo Atlanta.

### Participant Guidelines

- Have fun, ask questions, and take part in all activities.
- Stay with your group and chaperones at all times.
- Follow any directions given by teachers, group leaders, chaperones, parents and Zoo staff.
- Please do not run, climb on exhibits, fences or rocks, or tap on the exhibits with glass.
- Respect the animals and other Zoo guests.
- Headphones and cell phones must be turned off and put away during the visit. We suggest participants avoid bringing them into to the Zoo, as we are not liable for loss or damage.

### Chaperone and/or Parent Guidelines

- Actively take part in the program by assisting the Zoo educator with program activities, enforcing rules, and maintaining an accurate headcount.
- During your visit, encourage the 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

- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, face cloth, etc.)

- Weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, closed-toe shoes for lots of walking through Zoo Atlanta

### **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.
- Children may not bring flashlights; however, adults may carry flashlights as long as they do not use them during indoor programs.
- **Alcohol is prohibited during the NightCrawler program.**
- **Smoking is prohibited during the NightCrawler program.** This includes e-cigarettes.

### **Accommodations**

- Groups/families will share an indoor, co-ed sleeping location with other participating groups/families.
- Each facility is a short, well-lit walk to restrooms, and is climate-controlled with limited power outlets.
- Please note there are no shower facilities located at Zoo Atlanta.
- Your instructor will lead you to your sleeping location when you arrive.

### **Meals**

- Please eat dinner before arriving at Zoo Atlanta. 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.
- If a program participant has allergies or special dietary needs, please bring appropriate foods and snacks.

### **Parking - Vehicles**

- Please park in the Cherokee Avenue parking lot; you will be meeting at the Zoo Atlanta Main Gate.
- There will be a Security officer stationed to the lot overnight, but all valuables must be removed from vehicles, as Zoo Atlanta is not responsible for any property loss or damage.

### **Parking – Buses (see below for off-grounds bus parking)**

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 a.m. sharp. Be sure your bus driver is available.

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

- Bus must arrive to the Cherokee Avenue parking lot circle drive by 7:30 a.m. to be re-packed/loaded. Buses must then be moved from the Cherokee Avenue parking lot to off-grounds parking by 8:30 a.m. sharp.

**If you have any additional questions, please visit our website at [zooatlanta.org](http://zooatlanta.org) or contact the Education Department at 404.624.5822.**