Saint Louis Zoo
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Snooze at the Zoo
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Where do we sleep when we spend the night at the Zoo?
A: Participants will sleep in the Exploration Outpost. This building is L.E.E.D certified and offers participants a chance to sleep near our program animal exhibits. Participants will be sleeping in a large open room which has thin carpeting. You will need to bring a sleeping pad (foam or Therm-a-Rest®) for a more comfortable stay.

Q: Does the overnight staff stay overnight with the participants?
A: Yes, our staff will sleep in the same areas as the participants and are there to offer assistance in any sick scout/emergency situations.

Q: What should we bring for our overnight stay?
A: Participants should pack lightly. You will need a sleeping bag, pillow, sleeping pad, and necessary toiletries. Participants should come showered and wearing comfortable clothing that they can wear during the program and while sleeping. We have limited bathroom space and no shower facilities/locker rooms, so we prefer participants not change clothes. An evening snack and continental breakfast are provided so we ask participants not to bring food unless for dietary reasons. The majority of the Fall/Winter/Spring overnights occur inside and drinking fountains are available, therefore, water bottles are not necessary. Adults (not scouts) should bring flashlights for the Herpetarium flashlight tour.

Q: What kind of food do you serve during the overnight?
A: As an evening snack we offer Domino's® Pizza (cheese or pepperoni) and Coke® products to drink. The continental breakfast consists of Companion® bakery items, fruit, cereal, with milk and orange juice to drink (coffee is available for adults).

Q: What kind of animals do we see during the live animal class?
A: Staff will use animals from the Children's Zoo for the live animal presentation. Depending on the theme of the program and what animals are available, presentations could include a bird, reptile, amphibian, mammal, or invertebrate.

Q: How many adults should attend this program with our troop/den/pack?
A: We ask that small groups of scouts (twelve scouts or less) attend with a minimum of two adults. Larger groups of scouts (twelve scouts or more) attend with a minimum of one adult per six scouts.

Q: We have a small troop/den/pack, can we still attend?
A: Yes, groups of all sizes can attend. We ask that troops/dens/packs with two or more scouts follow the guidelines listed above. If your troop/den/pack is small and only one scout is attending this program, the scout will need to attend the program with his/her parent or legal guardian.

Q: Will we go on the hikes if it is raining or snowing?
A: We ask that participants bring appropriate outerwear for hikes around Zoo grounds. These hikes last approximately 45 minutes. We will hike in rain and snow as long as the conditions are safe. In fact, the Zoo is beautiful in the snow and many of the animals enjoy the snow as well!