

# Astro-Overnights at the Adler Planetarium



## 2011-2012 Astro-Overnight FAQs

### Astro-Overnight Schedule

The Astro-Overnight program starts at 6pm. Between 6pm and 10pm, participants will enjoy a combination of fun astronomy activities, night sky telescope viewing (weather permitting), a customized sky show, evening snack time, and exhibit free time. Some activities have limited times that will be noted on your program schedule. Participants receive their schedule of activities upon arrival. Check-out is at 8am the next morning.

Participants can arrive as early as 5:30pm to check-in and purchase dinner in Galileo's Café. The café will be open from 5:30pm – 7pm with dinner options available for purchase.

### Recommended Age

The recommended age range is 6-10. Older siblings are permitted to attend the event, with the understanding that the Astro-Overnight activities are geared toward ages 6-10.

### Boys and Girls

Both boys and girls can be attendees at all overnights. Families and groups may have male and/or female adult chaperones.

### Cost

**\$60 Overnight rate:** Astro-Overnight activities, plus additional exhibition free time, a snack, two sky shows, sleeping in the exhibit galleries and breakfast in the morning. Price per person.

**\$27.50 Evening Rate:** Astro-Overnight activities, exhibition free time, two sky shows and snack. Price per person.

Group note: All participants that register with a group must purchase tickets at the same rate. Overnight and evening participants will not have the same schedule.

### Payment Schedule

Families and groups *under 14 people*: Full payment is due at time of registration.

Groups of *15 people or more*: A deposit of 50% of the total payment is due upon booking. Final numbers and payment is due 3 weeks prior to the overnight date. If full payment is not received by the 3 week deadline, the group's reservation will be cancelled and a refund of the deposit paid will be returned minus a 15% administrative fee.

Reservations will NOT be processed without payment.

## **Cancellation and Refund Policy**

Cancellations will be accepted up to 2 weeks prior to the overnight date, and a refund minus a 15% administrative fee will be issued.

No refunds are issued for cancellations made less than 2 weeks prior to the overnight date. No-shows will also not be issued a refund.

## **Groups**

Scout groups, churches, YMCAs and other community groups are welcome to attend Astro-Overnights. A minimum of 1 adult chaperone per 5 children is required. There is no group size minimum, other than for determining payment schedule (see above). Group size maximum is determined by space availability. Please be as accurate as possible with your group count.

## **Scouts and Badge Work**

Scout groups attending Astro-Overnight with the goal of earning a badge: Please note that all scout activities are self-guided and must be provided by the scout group prior to your overnight. The Adler has scout badge workbooks available for download on our website at [www.adlerplanetarium.org/education/scouts](http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/education/scouts). **Print-outs of the badge workbooks will not be available at the overnight.**

## **Public Transportation Options**

The #146 Michigan Express Bus to Museum Campus goes right to the Adler Planetarium. This bus runs until 9pm nightly and as early as 7am the next morning. To check travel routes and the CTA bus tracker, visit: [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com). Visit [www.metrotransit.com](http://www.metrotransit.com) for Metra schedules. Taxi cabs can be called from the South Box Office at any time.

## **Driving Directions**

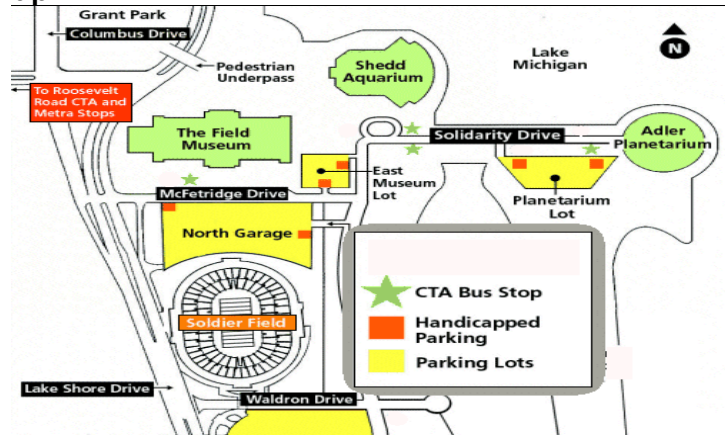
Motorists Northbound: Motorists Northbound on Lake Shore Drive should turn right at McFetridge Drive, which is immediately north of Soldier Field. Then, travel east on McFetridge between the Field Museum and Soldier Field, turn left at the stop sign, turn right onto Solidarity Drive, and then proceed east to the Planetarium. Northbound traffic can also exit at 18th Street in addition to McFetridge Drive.

Motorists Southbound: Motorists Southbound on Lake Shore Drive should turn right at Roosevelt road, left at Columbus, then turn left again at McFetridge Drive. Travel east on McFetridge between the Field Museum and Soldier Field. Turn left at the stop sign, turn right onto Solidarity Drive, and then proceed east to the Planetarium.

Motorists Eastbound: Motorists Eastbound can take either Roosevelt Road east or Columbus Drive south to the intersection of Roosevelt and Columbus. From there, continue south on Columbus and turn left at McFetridge Drive. Travel east on McFetridge between the Field Museum and Soldier Field. Turn left at the stop sign, turn right onto Solidarity Drive, and then proceed east to the Planetarium.

The Adler is located at 1300 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60605

## Museum Campus Map



## Parking

The lot adjacent to the Adler Planetarium will be open for overnight parking. Parking begins at 5pm and ends at 9am the next morning. Drivers must check into this lot by 9pm the night of the Astro-Overnight – the lot is not staffed after 9pm and the entrance will be locked. Groups staying on Museum Campus after 9am the next day must pay the daytime parking fee. The lot closest to Adler is managed by Soldier Field Parking. Rates are subject to change without advance notice. The current overnight rate is \$22 per car. Please make sure to let the attendant know you are staying over night. For more information on parking at the Adler visit, [www.soldierfieldparking.com](http://www.soldierfieldparking.com).

To enter the Adler Parking Lot: Turn right on to Lynn White Drive. The entrance is the second left.

## Check-in

Participants enter at the South Box Office (Group Entrance) where the check-in desk is located. Check-in starts at 5:30pm. The check-in table will be staffed until 8pm. If you anticipate arriving later than 8pm, please contact the Adler Group Sales Office before 5:00 pm on the day of the overnight program. Any guests arriving after 6pm are at risk of losing activity and/or sky show time. Please be aware of this when planning your evening commute.

Overnight participants immediately drop off their gear in a nearby classroom, then check-in with Adler staff before entering the museum. Evening participants can go immediately to the check-in desk. A group roster is collected from every group registered for the overnights, so individuals can check themselves in and meet their group in the museum.

## Evening Check-out

Participants that are only here for the evening will exit the building from the South Entrance immediately following their scheduled sky show.

## What to Bring

### Overnight Guests

- Sleeping bag, sleeping mat or a twin sized air mattress with a battery-operated pump. (Cots are not permitted, but are allowed in case of medical necessity.)
- Comfortable shoes.
- Layered clothing for outdoor telescope viewing. (Weather permitting)
- Pocket money for souvenir hunting in the Adler Shop.
- Toiletries should be kept to a minimum as changing space is limited to our restroom facilities.

### Evening Guests

- Comfortable shoes.
- Layered clothing for outdoor telescope viewing. (Weather permitting)
- Pocket money for souvenir hunting in the Adler Shop.

### **What Not to Bring**

- Air mattresses *larger* than a twin size. It is important to keep exit paths in the exhibitions and large size mattresses prevent this.
- Tents (all sleeping spaces are indoors)
- Clocks, electric air mattress pumps or other items that require electricity (availability of outlets is extremely limited in terms of numbers of outlets and locations; most sleeping areas will not have available outlets)
- Alcohol (any persons who are found to be intoxicated or possessing alcohol will be asked to leave the overnight program immediately; admission fees for these individuals will not be refunded)
- Food or beverages to be consumed overnight (except for medical necessity); food and beverages are not allowed in any exhibit gallery spaces or theaters at any time

### **Sleeping Arrangements**

Participants sleep in the exhibit galleries. Sleeping areas are designated by Adler staff. Groups that register together will have the same sleeping areas. Your sleeping area assignments are given to you upon arrival with your schedule.

### **All Night Staff**

There will be Adler Museum Service Staff in the building at all times. In addition, the South Box Office will be staffed all night. In the event that any participants need to leave the building, they should exit at the South Box Office.

### **Food Service**

Included in the Astro-Overnight fee is a late night snack and continental breakfast in the morning. In addition, Galileo's Café will have grab and go sandwiches and salads available for purchase from 5:30pm – 7pm. Vending machines for sodas and snacks will be available at all time, but no food or beverage is permitted in the exhibit galleries or theaters.

### **Museum Store Hours**

The Adler Shop will be open from 6pm to 9:30pm during Astro-Overnights. Participants can collect the Astro-Overnight patch in the Adler Shop during this time frame.

If you have any questions that have not been answered by this information sheet, please email [overnights@adlerplanetarium.org](mailto:overnights@adlerplanetarium.org).