

A banner for the 2009-2010 Astrovernsights Adler Planetarium. The background is a dark blue night sky filled with white stars. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of two people. On the left, a person is pointing upwards towards the stars. On the right, another person is looking through a telescope. The text "2009-2010 Astrovernsights Adler Planetarium" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font in the upper left corner of the banner.

2009-2010 Astrovernsights Adler Planetarium

Information and Frequently Asked Questions

2009-2010 Astrovernsight Description

"Camping" Under the Stars

Recommended for families with children ages 6-10 (boys and girls)

Get ready to pack your bag and spend a night at the Adler! Through hands-on activities, discover what it would take to sleep over in space. As you move from station to station, learn about basic human needs for space travel - air, food, and water. Gather 'round the "campfire" to hear amazing stories about the stars we might visit someday.

The Adler's Astrovernsight program activities are designed for families with children ages 6-10. Scout, YMCA, park district, and other groups are also welcome to register and attend.

Astrovernsight activities include:

Recycling Water on Your Adventure

In order for astronauts to live in space, they must have a reliable water supply. How can they clean their water? Find out how in this interactive demonstration, and learn how you can make a water filter at home.

Growing Food in Space

For future astronauts, farming will be a matter of survival. Not only will plants provide food they also work to make air breathable. Discover how plants and people, two very different astronauts, will eventually live together in a balanced and sustainable habitat.

Stories in the Stars

Look up! People all over the world see different constellations in the night sky. Discover more about other cultures constellations and myths through song, dance and story. Join us around the campfire to witness stories in the stars!

Astrovernsights activities also include telescope viewing of the sky (weather permitting) and a fun interactive planetarium show!

Astroovernight Schedule

The Astroovernight program starts at 6pm. Between 6pm and 10:30pm, 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. Overnighters receive their schedule of activities upon arrival. Check-out is at 8am the next morning.

Overnighters can arrive as early as 5:30pm to check-in and purchase dinner in Galileo's Café.

Recommended Age

The recommended age range is 6-10. Older siblings are permitted to attend the event, with the understanding that the Astroovernight activities are geared toward ages 6-10. It is not recommended that children under 6 attend an overnight.

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

The overnight fee is \$50 per person, adults and children. Included with this fee are fun astronomy activities, a customized sky show, access to all of our exhibitions, an evening snack, continental breakfast in the morning and a free Adler Planetarium Astroovernight patch that can be picked up in the Infinity Shop anytime before 9:30pm.

Payment Schedule

No reservations will be processed without payment.

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

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.

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 Astroovernights. 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 Astroovernight 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. **Print-outs of the badge workbooks will not be available at the overnight.**

Parking

The lot adjacent to the Adler Planetarium will be open for overnight parking. The overnight parking fee is \$19 *cash only*. Overnight parking begins at 5pm and ends at 9am the next morning. Groups staying on Museum Campus after 9am 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. For more information on parking at the Adler visit, www.soldierfieldparking.com.

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. Visit www.metrarail.com for Metra schedules. Taxi cabs can be called from the South Box Office at any time.

Check-in

Overnighters enter at the South Box Office (Group Entrance) where the check-in desk is located. Participants immediately drop off their gear in a nearby classroom, then check-in with Adler staff before entering the museum. Groups can check in as early as 5:30pm to enjoy dinner in Galileo's Café before the 6pm program start time.

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.

The check-in table will be staffed until 8pm. Please plan to arrive prior to this time. If you anticipate arriving later, please contact the Adler (phone/email below) prior to 5:00 pm on the day of the overnight program.

What to Bring

- 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 Infinity Shop.
- Toiletries should be kept to a minimum as changing space is limited to our restroom facilities.

What Not to Bring

-Air mattresses *larger* than a twin size.

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

Overnighters sleep in the exhibit galleries. Sleeping areas are chosen by participants just prior to lights-out time on a first come first served basis and are not reserved ahead of time.

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 Astroovernight 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 Infinity Shop will be open from 6pm to 9:30pm during Astroovernights. Participants can collect the Astroovernight patch in the Infinity Shop during this time frame.

If you have any questions that have not been answered by this information sheet, please call (312) 294-0361, (312) 294-0360 or email overnights@adlerplanetarium.org.