



## Chaperone CONTRACT

We appreciate your participation as a chaperone/parent for your group's overnight and park visit. Your role as a chaperone is more than just a supervisor. You should model good behavior, participate in activities, discipline children if necessary within your group's guidelines and stay with the group at all times throughout the overnight.

### **TO ENSURE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE, PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:**

- Please arrive at Riverbanks Zoo and Garden (500 Wildlife Parkway) at 6:00pm on the night of your scheduled overnight unless otherwise directed. Participants arriving late may not be served dinner.
- We recommend packing light as you will carry your items a short distance into the park to the area you will be sleeping and back out in the morning before 9am. Please mark all items with names to avoid mix-ups when preparing to leave.
- All participants must be at least 5 years old and in elementary school to attend. Younger siblings are not permitted for any portion of the program.
- Riverbanks Zoo and Garden is a tobacco free facility. For the safety and enjoyment of our visitors, staff, and animals, smoking is not allowed anywhere onsite (this includes e-cigarettes and vaping). Please plan accordingly with patches or other needs to accommodate this. Overnight instructors are not able to escort guests out of the park for smoking breaks during the overnight program.
- For the safety of our animals, our staff, and your group, participants must remain with the group at ALL times.
- If you need first aid assistance during the overnight notify the Overnight Instructor.
- Video recording is not permitted during our programs; however, participants are welcome to take photos. For the safety of our guests, we ask that participants not take selfies.
- Overnights include dinner, a light snack in the evening and a continental breakfast with juice and coffee. Outside food and drinks are restricted to guests with special dietary needs. If anyone in your group has any dietary concerns it is their responsibility to bring their own food and to notify the Overnight Instructor.

### **THINGS TO BRING:**

- **Signed Release Waiver for each participant**
- **Signed Chaperone Contract for each chaperone/adult**
- Sleeping bag, pillow and sleeping pad (small air mattresses are restricted to adult use)
- Toiletries
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Modest pajamas
- Water bottle
- Change of Clothes
- Appropriate outer wear
- Camera (optional)
- Bug Spray (optional)
- Flashlight for adults only



**THINGS WE DO NOT PERMIT:**

- Running
- Climbing on fences, rocks
- Yelling
- Picking of flowers or plants
- Additional food or snacks (except special diets)
- Weapons
- Chewing Gum
- Tobacco or Alcohol
- Electronic devices (music players, game players)

What are my chaperone responsibilities?

- Supervising children, helping them learn and making sure they follow the rules.
- Actively participating in planned activities and using devices (cell, tablets, etc.) only during breaks.
- Keep track of children and stay with your group at all times.
- Being aware of the schedule for the evening and morning activities.
- We do not expect you to be an expert – you can help discover answers during activities along with your group.

Where can I get more information about the park, an exhibit, or animal?

- Overnight Instructors will be happy to answer your questions. Depending on the nature and age appropriateness of the question, they may designate a time away from the group to discuss the answer.

Am I able to leave at the end of the night's activities or before the program ends at 9am in the morning?

- Overnight Instructors are unable to accommodate requests to leave during the program. Please plan to attend the full portion of the program. All participants are free to enjoy the zoo at 9am the following day or to head home.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Group Name:** \_\_\_\_\_