

OVERNIGHTS FAQ



What do we do at an overnight?

An Overnight at the Connecticut Science Center is an exclusive, after hours experience packed with activities. Visitors have the opportunity to explore our exhibits freely and experience unique, hands on activities only available at night! Overnight visitors have the opportunity to view a 3-D movie in our theater, sleep in their favorite exhibit, and receive admission to explore the Science Center even more the following day.

What is the age range on an overnight?

Overnights are designed for scout groups and troops, schools, church groups, and community groups as well as families with children ages 5 to 12. Groups may vary in size, but must maintain a minimum 1:8 ratio of chaperones to children. Chaperones must be at least 18 years old.

How do I register my group?

1. Fill out the online form so that we may reach out to you with specific details.
2. Contact the Overnight Coordinator at overnights@ctsciencecenter.org or call 860-520-2117 to make sure that your intended date is still available.
3. Pay a 25% deposit by phone or send a check along with the registration form within 5 business days of submitting your reservation to hold your overnight spot.
4. One month prior to the event pay the remaining balance either by phone or mail. Please call for payment arrangements.

Getting here and parking

Convenient parking at the Connecticut Science Center/Riverfront Garage is located at the corner of Bob Steele Street (formerly Grove Street) and Columbus Boulevard, underneath the Science Center building. It is a public garage. The regular rate for overnight parking is \$19. However, overnight guests may pre-purchase parking passes for \$5 at the time of their final payment.

Discounted parking passes will not be available for purchase at the Overnight event. Overnight parking passes will be time stamped from 6PM the night of the overnight – 6PM the next day.

**Please note that the Connecticut Science Center neither owns nor operates the Science Center/Riverfront garage.*

Who is the Roster for and when do you need it?

The roster is for all guests attending and will be used during the check-in process. Please have a roster prepared when your group arrives for check-in to alleviate congestion.

What do we bring?

Basic toiletries, flashlight, sleeping bag, and camping mat or air mattress if desired and space permits.

Can we bring food?

Yes! Although we advise eating dinner prior to arrival to maximize your activity time, guests are welcome to bring their own food or have food delivered. Please note that you will not have access to a kitchen or cooking appliances and that food and drink are permitted in the lobby only. Overnight guests with special dietary restrictions are encouraged to bring their own food.

Do we need to bring money?

You may want to bring money for the Gift Shop or if you are planning to eat at SUBWAY® or Froyo World. There are also several vending machines in the lobby.

When is the Gift Shop open?

Our Gift Shop opens on Sunday morning at 8AM

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What should we not bring?

Please do not bring tents, cots, portable gaming devices, personal music, alarm clocks, hair dryers, or curling irons. Please leave other valuables at home.

What should we wear?

Overnight participants are encouraged to come in their pajamas to maximize activity time.

What does the night time snack and morning breakfast consist of?

Snacks vary but often include: Rice Krispy Treats, chips, popcorn, pretzels & juice

Breakfast: Bagels with cream cheese or butter, muffins, pastries, fruit, juice, milk, coffee & tea

Guest / Group Removal

If a guest or group is asked to leave the program, they will be held responsible for any charges incurred by the Connecticut Science Center. Refunds will not be granted to guests/groups who are asked to leave the program.

Departure

The Overnight will end at 8 AM after which point all gear must be stowed away in your vehicle. Overnight visitors are invited to stay and explore the Science Center Exhibits the morning following your Program.

Security & Emergencies

Your safety is our number one priority. As an adult participant, you are responsible for the supervision of your group's children at all times.

Our security staff is trained in CPR and First Aid. There will be a security officer on duty throughout the evening and overnight. Connecticut Science Center Overnight Staff will be sleeping on the bridges between the galleries throughout the night. In the event of an emergency in the night please walk out to the bridge and notify a staff member immediately.

We are better able to accommodate your needs with advance notice. If any member of your group has special needs or dietary restrictions or if any adult or child must leave early, please contact the Overnight office in before your Overnight date. We are here to help.

For your convenience and safety, the Science Center is equipped with a First Aid Room, family bathrooms, and lockers.

Security can be reached at (860) 520-2155.

Leave this number with parents and others at home.

Liability

Neither Connecticut Science Center nor its employees will be liable to any Overnight participant for injury or damage to person or property arising out of the use of the Connecticut Science Center Properties nor those associated.