



4-H Zoo Snooze Guidelines



We are excited you have agreed to be an adult chaperone for your group's Zoo Snooze overnight adventure. The following questions and answers will help prepare you for this responsibility. Thank you for helping to make this a fun, safe, and memorable learning experience for all of the participants.

What is the purpose of a chaperone?

Chaperones are an integral part of the Zoo Snooze. It is important that chaperones are interested in participating in this unique adventure with the students. If learning is fun and important to the chaperones, it will be fun and important for the students too!

What are some of the responsibilities of a chaperone?

- Know where all members of your group are at all times when they are not on a tour with staff or zoo volunteers.
- Resolve any discipline issues.
- Assist participants who have an emergency.
- Make sure all members of the group follow the staff's rules
- Provide support for staff and volunteers as requested.

Can a chaperone bring cell phones or communication radios to the zoo?

- We encourage having cell phones or radios for emergencies only. Using your cell phone for personal calls while serving as a chaperone is disruptive to the students' experience at the zoo, and thus highly discouraged.

Can a chaperone smoke or drink alcoholic beverages while participating in a Zoo Snooze?

- No.

What can a chaperone do to help students understand proper zoo behavior?

- Share with participants the importance of treating the animals kindly by speaking softly, not touching exhibit glass, and walking (not running) through their zoo visit. The zoo is a great place to observe animals while it is normally closed to the public.
- Reinforce that all participants, staff, volunteers, and zoo inhabitants are to be treated with respect.

Thank you for all you do, the success of the 4-H program is built on the quality leadership that our 4-H volunteers provide.

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