

**Wild Night Adventure at the Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens**

Dear Scout Leader:

Here's the scoop on your upcoming **WILD NIGHT** adventure that your Scouts will be attending on **Saturday, March 4, 2017**.

**BEFORE YOU ARRIVE:**

Please complete the enclosed overnight reservation deposit form and return it along with your \$25 deposit by the date listed to confirm your reservation. The overnight request form must be returned, along with the payment balance, no later than three weeks prior to your program. The Zoo also requires a letter from your organization or a copy of your organizations group accident insurance certificate stating that your group is covered for liability. If your group is not covered, individual parents will need to provide signatures stating the Zoo will not be held liable for any accidental injuries that may occur while participating in the WILD NIGHT adventure. All alcohol is prohibited.

The cost is \$20 per person. Anyone attending must be five years or older.

All campers registered to attend the WILD NIGHT program must plan to stay and camp. Due to liability reasons and Security issues, you will not be allowed to participate in the night tour and then leave the Zoo.

All paperwork, including any liability forms and payment, must be received at the Zoo no later than three weeks prior to the program date. No campers may be added after this date. With the exception of severe weather concerns payment is non-refundable within three weeks of the program date.

**WEATHER:** As with all outdoor programs weather is always a concern. Please be sure to listen to the weather reports the week of your program and know that we are doing the same. If the weather appears serious it may be necessary to reschedule to another day. Serious weather is defined as severe thunderstorms that will be passing through during your camping stay. Please be aware that your program will not be canceled for occasional rain showers that may be predicted. If rain is predicted the Zoo will be monitoring all weather reports and will notify you by noon the day of your Wild Night whether cancellation is necessary. If you have any concerns please feel free to call any time the week of your program and we will be happy to review the weather reports together with you.

**WHAT TO BRING/WEAR:**

Everyone should wear comfortable clothing and closed-toe shoes. Bring everything necessary to camp overnight including tents, sleeping supplies, bug spray and flashlights.

**ARRIVAL 4:00 pm:**

Arrive at the Rainforest Pavilion and set up camp. You may camp in the field under the trees on the right hand side of the pavilion. A sign will be posted. The front Zoo gate will remain open till 6:00 pm so campers can arrive later if they wish. There is a kitchen with a refrigerator and microwave, bathrooms and running water available. There is no grill available but you are allowed to bring grills with you. The campers are responsible for supplying their own evening meal. Parking is only allowed in the designated parking area in front of the Rainforest Pavilion or in General Parking. Please do not drive your cars into the camping areas.

**COME TOGETHER**

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When you arrive at the Zoo you will notice the exciting new *ZoomAir Adventure* course. All access ladders are gated and locked and we ask that everyone please stay away from these areas. *ZoomAir* is owned and operated by an outside company and not the Zoo. For more information about the *ZoomAir Adventure* course, please visit their website at [www.zoomair.us](http://www.zoomair.us).

**PAVILION:** Many different Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from Central Florida will be camping together for this special event. Please remember that the camping areas, picnic tables, campfire area, etc. are for everyone to share. We hope that you will enjoy meeting other Scouts from Central Florida and we know that in true Scout spirit this will be a fun evening for all!

**CAMPFIRES:** We have a special campfire area located near the pavilion with a campfire ring, benches and lantern hooks. You will need to supply your own wood, but all scouts will be sharing the campfire so each group only needs to bring a small amount. We ask that everyone please use this campfire area for the safety of the Zoo. No other campfires are permitted.

**PROGRAM BEGINS 7:00 pm:**

Your Zoo Teacher guides will come to the Pavilion and begin the program with introductions and an Animal Encounter. Flashlights will be covered with colored cellophane (to protect the animal's eyes) and then we will head into the Zoo for a *Night Safari*. The tour lasts approximately 1.5 hours, after which your tour guide will return you to base camp where you will be on your own for the rest of the evening. We will leave a radio with you so that you can be in contact with Zoo Security and your Zoo Teachers at all times.

**BREAKFAST 7:30 am:**

Your Zoo Teachers will help you rise and shine with coffee, juice and a continental breakfast. As quickly as we can, we would like to get back into the Zoo for the MORNING TREK (highlighted by an exciting "Ed-venture Quest"!) before any other humans arrive.

**Be sure to visit the Zoofari Outpost gift store while you're in the Zoo!** Inside you will find many fun things for the kids, a wide selection of nature and wildlife books and beautiful items from around the world. Purchases support the Zoo's wildlife and conservation programs. The Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens patch is also available in the gift shop.

**GOOD-BYE 9:00 am:**

It comes much too quickly but your Zoo Teachers will leave you now. We ask that when you break camp, you dispose of the remnants of your fire in a safe and tidy method, as well as any other debris you might have. Your admission to the Zoo and splash park is included following your program, so please feel free to stay and continue to enjoy the Zoo!

We reserve the right to take promotional pictures throughout this program to use in our printed and online marketing materials. If you do not wish for us to use your or your group's picture please notify us in advance.

We're looking forward to your **WILD NIGHT** adventure!

Gigi Giles, Education Registrar  
407-323-4450, ext. 123  
[education@centralfloridazoo.org](mailto:education@centralfloridazoo.org)

## Instructions for Liability Release

**Complete attached form only if someone attending the overnight with your Pack/Troop is not covered under your Boy Scout liability policy.**

Dear Pack/Troop Leader:

Your Pack/Troop number and information will be submitted to the Boy Scout Council of Central Florida by the Central Florida Zoo for liability information so it is not necessary for you to provide a liability form for this special Cub Scout **Wild Night** program. The council office will confirm your liability coverage with the Zoo. However, if you do have additional troop insurance please submit a copy along with your final payment.

If someone in your group is not covered, individual parents will need to provide signatures stating that the Central Florida Zoo will not be held liable for any accidental injuries that may occur while participating in the **Wild Night** program. The form needed for this is attached.

Please make copies and have each individual camper participating in the overnight event, who is not covered by your pack liability policy, complete and fill out a release form. For your convenience, we have included a spot for allergies, medications etc. to assist you and your chaperons should you need this information.

All registration forms should be returned to you. Please return these forms with your registration form and payment. If necessary the Zoo Teacher in charge of your scheduled night program will collect any additional forms upon your arrival.

Should you have any questions, please contact Gigi Giles, Education Registrar, at 407-323-4450, ext. 123.

*Wild Night Registration Form*

**If your group is NOT covered under a group liability policy, then this form must be completed for each camper including adults. A parent or guardian must sign for those campers under 18 years of age.**

Campers Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies, medications or limitations the camper may have:

\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give this form to the below addressee before your *Wild Night* event night.

John Russell/Cub Scout Pack#91  
20929 Sullivan Ranch Blvd.  
Mount Dora, FL 32757

I understand that the campers will be spending the night outside in tents, provided by the campers. I understand that the Central Florida Zoological Society, Inc. does not assume responsibility for accidental injury that may occur while we are participating in the *Wild Night* program. I release the Central Florida Zoological Society, Inc., from such claims. I further understand by affixing my signature hereto, this is a general unconditional release made willingly and freely by the undersigned.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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