

## Tennessee Aquarium Sleep in the Deep Policies and Guidelines

### Group Leader and/or Parent or Guardian Important Information

- **Where to meet?** Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your program start time. An Aquarium Educator will meet you at Member Services located on the back right side of the River Journey building.
- **Running behind?** Please contact the Education team at (423) 356-1276 to notify us of your expected arrival time.
- **Share Information.** If you are the main contact that booked this program, please make sure to provide program information and guidelines to everyone in your group.
- **Sign and return waivers.** Make sure that everyone in your group has signed and returned waivers. Completed and signed waivers will need to be sent to Education for every participant prior to program start time. Participants without a waiver will not be allowed to participate in the overnight program (waivers below).

### AQUARIUM EXPECTATIONS: In order to ensure staff, guests, and animal safety, all participants are asked to abide by the following rules and regulations:

- Participants may not enter the Aquarium grounds until overnight staff arrive at the River Journey entrance to escort them. It is still necessary to wait for overnight staff, even if the Aquarium is open.
- Parents and chaperones are responsible for the supervision and the behavior of all members of their group. Please make sure no attendees are disturbing others or scheduled activities. Consult your group leader if you need assistance.
- Be courteous to others, this includes animals and plants. Remember to treat others as you would like to be treated. Keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.
- All participants must respect the rules explained to them by their guides at the beginning of the program.
- We ask that all parents and chaperones assist and support Aquarium Educators by actively participating in activities, enforcing rules, encouraging participants to participate, and maintaining headcount.
- No weapons or firearms are permitted.
- No handheld electronic games are permitted.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed.
- The Tennessee Aquarium is a smoke-free facility.
- Participants must stay with their assigned chaperones and overnight staff at all times.
- If verbal warnings do not stop inappropriate behavior, participant(s) may be escorted off Aquarium grounds by Aquarium Security at the discretion of the overnight staff. Parent(s) or guardians(s) will be responsible for picking up their child promptly upon dismissal.
- Always talk to overnight staff if you have a question or a problem during the program. We are here to help!
- All overnights have the potential of being mix-gender groups. When possible, an alternate sleeping location can be provided by request.

### COVID Protocols

- Aquarium education programs are following CDC recommendations. This means that indoor mask requirements will be determined by current covid community transmission levels. When COVID transmission levels are green or yellow, masks will not be required for education programs. At orange levels, masks may be required indoors for all education programs regardless of vaccination status. You can check community transmission levels at this website: [COVID-19 by County](#).
- We ask all participants to stay home if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or if they have been in contact with a COVID-positive individual in the past 2 weeks.

Failure to follow these expectations will result in an unsafe or unenjoyable atmosphere for you and others during your overnight program. The Tennessee Aquarium has the right to remove a participant from an education program at any time.

**Note: There are no refunds when a participant's own behavior requires removal from an education program.**

I have read and understand the Tennessee Aquarium program policies and guidelines. If I am a parent/guardian of a minor attending an overnight, I have received these rules with my child:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**TENNESSEE AQUARIUM RELEASE FROM LIABILITY**

Dear Participant or Parent/Guardian of a Minor Child Participant: You or a minor child you are responsible for is enrolled to participate in an education program sponsored by the Tennessee Aquarium. The program is described as follows: SLEEP IN THE DEEP, the overnight experience. Some programs the Tennessee Aquarium sponsors require the collection of some medical information to ensure the safety of all participants. If there is a Medical Information Form attached to this Release from Liability, it is imperative that you fill out the Medical Information Form completely and carefully. It is your responsibility to inform the Aquarium about any condition(s) that may affect in any way your ability, or that of your minor child, to participate in the program. By signing this Release from Liability, you are waiving your right, or the right of the Minor Child you represent, to hold the Tennessee Aquarium liable for any injury or loss suffered by you or that minor child during the program. By signing this Release from Liability, you are giving up the right, to the extent allowed by law, to make demand upon the Tennessee Aquarium and its respective officers, agents, instructors, and employees for payment of any damages suffered by you or the minor child during the program, whether such damages are caused by physical injury, loss of or damage to property, acts of a third party, or any other cause of whatever description. In the event that the signatory below is a parent or guardian of a Minor Child Participant, by signing this Release From Liability, you represent that you are the legally recognized parent or guardian of the minor child, whose name is

\_\_\_\_\_, and that you release the Aquarium, as set forth in this agreement, from any liability for any damage or injury suffered by that Minor Child while participating in the described program. THIS RELEASE FROM LIABILITY MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED TO THE AQUARIUM BY

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. Agreed to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ By:

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent and/or Guardian By:

\_\_\_\_\_ Participant (if adult)

**TENNESSEE AQUARIUM PHOTO AND VIDEO CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM**

I hereby authorize the Tennessee Aquarium to use pictures of me (or my child) taken in a photograph, digital image, videotape, motion picture and/or testimonial (written words). The undersigned hereby releases the Tennessee Aquarium its agents or employees, as well as all users and exhibitors of said pictures, from all claims, demands, accountings, and causes for which the aforesaid image or likeness may be used pursuant to this Consent and General Release. It is also my understanding that I will receive no compensation for my or my child's likeness, image, or

testimonial. Agreed to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ By:

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent and/or Guardian By:

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