



Sleepover Participant Guide

This guide will help answer questions as you prepare for our fun and unique event. If you have other questions that are not answered here, please call the Special Events Departments at (619) 238-1233 x761, or email specialevents@rhfleet.org.

This guide includes:

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Purchasing Tickets or Reserving a Private Sleepover:

For public sleepovers, tickets may be purchased through EventBrite. The full payment will be due at that time.

If you wish to host a private sleepover for your organization, we ask that you have a minimum of 100 people. Please contact the Special Events Department to find out if the date you wish to host is available.

When, What, Where:

Sleepovers begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 a.m. the following day.

You can experience the Fleet at your own pace throughout the evening. Hands-on activities and a scavenger hunt are available for you to participate in at your leisure. A sample agenda is included in this guide. A formal agenda for your sleepover will be sent out the week prior.

Parking is included in admission. You may park in the lot located off Space Theater Way behind the museum. We will send out an official parking pass the week prior to the sleepover that will allow you to park in the lot overnight. For more directions on how to get to the museum please visit www.rhfleet.org/visit/directions.

Checking In:

Check-in will take place at the roll-up door, located at the back of the building facing the parking lot.

To check in, you will be asked to provide your EventBrite tickets.

At check in:

- You will receive a copy of the **Sleepover Agenda** to inform you of the evening activities.
- You will receive a fun **scavenger hunt** to do as you explore the Fleet.
- You will be asked to place your items in the Community Forum until after the movie. At that time, you are free to choose your sleeping spot. You will have access to these items throughout the evening.



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Sleepover Rules:

Please follow these rules when attending the sleepover:

- Adults must accompany their children at all times.
- Guests must wear shoes at all times when walking around the museum.
- Do not place your belongings in a sleeping area until directed to do so. We do not want anyone to walk on your belongings while playing with the exhibits.
- Do not set up your sleeping area in front of marked exits or stairwells. Please leave a walkway between people.
- Be respectful of other people and their belongings.
- Do not run or play on stairways or elevators.
- No food or drink is allowed in the exhibit areas. Alcohol is not permitted anywhere.
- We ask you observe quiet time after the lights go out.
- The Fleet's security officers patrol the premises all night. If you have any problems or an emergency, please contact a security officer.
- Should an emergency arise, you will be directed what to do by Fleet staff and uniformed security personnel. Please follow their directions quickly and quietly.
- Clean up your sleeping area by 8 a.m. Cleaning crews will start going through areas to get the museum ready to open to the public.

Payment and Cancellation Policies:

- All reservations are first come, first served. We reserve the right to limit the number of attendees.
- The Fleet reserves the right to cancel the sleepover at any time.
- Any cancellation by the participant received less than two weeks before the event will be refunded.
- No refunds will be given for cancellations by the participant that are received less than a week before the event, the day of the event or after the event.
- No tickets are available at the door.



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What to Bring:

- Sleeping bag, camping pad, pillow etc.
- Cot or air mattress (battery operated only)
- Toothbrush and other toiletries
- Comfortable clothes—pajamas are okay
- Layers of clothing—temperatures throughout our building vary
- Earplugs (optional)—sorry, there is nothing we can do about people who snore!
- Sleep mask (optional) (security lights must remain on all night for safety)
- Flashlight

What Not to Bring:

- Plug-in air mattress
- Tents
- Expensive electronics
- Food (guests with food allergies may bring their own food, but please do not eat in the exhibit areas)

Other Things to Know:

- If you purchased the Deluxe Sleepover ticket, you will be given two tickets at check in. One ticket to be given to a staff member at dinner and the other is to be given to a staff member for your late-night snack before the IMAX film.
- Our concession stand will be open for you to purchase popcorn, drinks and candy during the evening before the IMAX film.
- The North Star Science Store will be open in the morning at 7:45 a.m. and you will receive a 15% discount on all purchases.
- Admission to the Fleet for the day following your sleepover is not included in your admission.



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Sample Sleepover Agenda

Agenda subject to change. The Fleet reserves the right to substitute experiences as necessary.

Evening

- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Check in (Roll-up Door). Dinner available for those who purchased Deluxe tickets.
- 6:30 – 8:45 p.m. Museum Exhibits
- Your ticket permits full access to all of the Fleet’s exhibits.
- Scavenger Hunt
- Search out the Fleet’s treasures with our fun scavenger hunt.
- Hands-on Workshops
- Visit our two workshops taking place on the museum floor.
- 8:45 p.m. Line up for the IMAX film. The concessions stand will be open. Deluxe Sleepover ticket holders may pick up their milk and cookie snack.
- 9 p.m. IMAX Film.
- 9:45 – 11 p.m. Grab your belongings/sleeping bag and find a sleeping area.
- 11 p.m. LIGHTS OUT! This process can sometimes take up to 30 minutes.

Morning

- 7 a.m. Good morning! Lights and exhibits turn on!
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast available.
- Bagels, muffins, apple slices, milk and coffee.
- 7:45 a.m. North Star Science Store open.
- You will receive a 15% discount on all purchases.
- 8:30 a.m. Sleepover ends. Get your sleepover patch before you leave!



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Frequently Asked Questions:

Can I check in late? Check-in is from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. If you are arriving later than that, please contact someone in the Special Events Department to make special arrangements.

Can I leave early? If you need to leave early, please contact someone from the Special Events Department. We may also introduce you to a security guard if you need to leave early in the morning.

Can I bring food or drink? Please do not bring any food or drink with you to the museum. We will have a concession stand available, so you may purchase snacks. A continental breakfast is included in the Basic and Deluxe Sleepover ticket. Exceptions can be made if you have specific food allergies.

Will we be able to purchase dinner? You are not able to upgrade your Basic Sleepover ticket to a Deluxe Sleepover ticket the night of the sleepover. This needs to be pre-ordered and pre-paid.

Will I get a patch for attending? Yes. Patches will be given out at the end of the sleepover.

What film will be shown? Most likely a film from our archived film list that is one of our favorites. If a film has just recently come out, we may show that film instead.

Can I bring an inflatable mattress? You may if it is battery operated. You may not bring a plug-in air mattress.

Can I plug in something overnight? Although we have a lot of outlets around, they don't all stay on all night. We ask that if there is an outlet near you, please do not unplug any of the exhibits.

Can I sleep anywhere in the entire building? For safety, we ask that you sleep in the designated sleeping areas only. Please look for sleeping area signs.

Can we wander and explore the museum all night? No. The museum will be dark, and the sleepover participants will be sleeping throughout the museum. Once the lights turn off, so will the exhibits.

Does it get dark after the lights go out? Not entirely. Safety lights remain on throughout the museum. Some exhibits have lights that will not turn off. If you have trouble sleeping, we recommend bringing a sleeping mask.

Does the museum get cold at night? The museum is a very large building, so the temperature will vary from area to area. We recommend that you bring layers.