

Great Lakes Science Center Overnight

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I complete my registration?

Thank you for registering for an Overnight at Great Lakes Science Center. Please review all the information provided thoroughly. You must sign and return one copy of the Camp-In Agreement along with any balance due. All group members must be finalized and payment received at least 15 business days prior to the Camp-In date.

Is there a cancellation policy?

Yes, a 25% non-refundable deposit will be withheld for all cancellations 15 or more business days prior to the Camp – In date. NO refunds will be given for cancellations that occur within 15 business days of the Camp – In date. If the Camp-in is cancelled by GLSC, your group will be rescheduled for another camp-in date or a full refund will be provided.

What should we bring?

Comfortable shoes and clothing for the evening activities, layered clothing for sleeping, a sleeping bag, pillow, and minimal toiletries are recommended. Air mattresses for adults are acceptable. All gear should be carried in a bag and marked with the group/family and camper's name.

When should we arrive and where can we park?

Arrival time is between 6:30pm and 7:00pm. Guests will not be admitted prior to 6:30pm. If arriving by car, you may park in the GLSC parking garage for **no additional charge**. If arriving by bus, please inform GLSC ahead of time. When buses do not stay overnight, encourage drivers to return by 9:00am.

How do I check in?

The group leader needs to check in with our staff at the Registration Table located in the main lobby on Level 1. You will be given a packet containing a schedule of events, nametags, and other information. We are unable to accommodate additional participants at the Camp-In.

Where do we put our gear?

Once you have checked in at the Registration Table a Camp-In Staff Member will direct you to where you need to place your gear.

What is an outline of the evening?

As guests of our Overnight, we are excited to provide a wide range of activities and science demonstrations throughout the evening. Below is a basic outline of the evening and morning activities. A more detailed schedule will be given to you at the beginning of the evening.

6:30-7:00pm	Check-In
7:00-10:00pm	Workshops and Activities
10:00-10:30pm	Snack
10:30-11:30pm	OMNIMAX Film
11:30pm-12:00am	Prepare for Lights Out
12:00am	Lights Out
7:15am	Wake Up and Pack Up!
7:30-9:30am	Breakfast and Exhibit Exploration
9:30am	Load up cars and enjoy the day

Schedule is subject to change

Where do we sleep?

Sleeping spaces are assigned by GLSC staff based on the number of members in your group and the genders within your group. Male and female groups may be separated for sleeping, so be sure that male and female chaperones are accompanying your group. Your campsite for the evening will be located on one of the three exhibit floors. Some surfaces may be hard. Adults may bring air mattresses.

When is Lights Out?

Midnight! Since the museum is a large facility, please be patient as we work to turn off all of the lights. It takes about 20 minutes.



Does the Museum get dark after the lights go out?

The Museum does not become completely dark. For guest safety, some lights near bathrooms and emergency exits will remain on throughout the night. We are not able to adjust the emergency lighting during the Camp-in.

Does the Museum get cold at night?

The Museum is a very large building, and the temperature will vary among the levels. We recommend bringing layered clothing so that you can regulate your temperature to meet your comfort level.

What kind of food will be served?

Dinner will **NOT** be served so please be sure to eat before you come. We will provide a late-night snack of pizza, cookies, and a drink. Coffee and tea will be available for the adults. A continental breakfast will be served in the morning. Those with dietary needs are encouraged to bring their own food substitutes.

What items are not allowed?

Please do not bring TENTS, HAIR DRYERS, CURLING IRONS, or ELECTRONIC DEVICES. In addition, we recommend that you do not bring valuable items. The GLSC is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Is GLSC physically challenged friendly?

Great Lakes Science Center is fully accessible to persons with disabilities. However, some of the decks on the *SS. William G. Mather* are not fully accessible to persons with disabilities. The main Cargo Hold and exhibit area are handicap accessible.

How long can we stay the next day?

If you would like to spend more time at GLSC, you are welcome to stay for the next day. We are open from 10:00am-5:00pm. You'll need to keep your nametag on; this is your admission to GLSC. **All gear must be removed from GLSC before 9:30am—even if you are staying for the rest of the day.**

What if there is medical emergency?

In case of an emergency, notify a Camp-In Staff Member immediately. Emergency Medical Services are only minutes away. Leaders must have emergency contact numbers and parent release forms for everyone in their group.

How do I get to GLSC?

GLSC is located at 601 Erieside Ave., between the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and the Cleveland Browns Stadium. Look for the OMNIMAX® dome.

From South West of Cleveland

Take I-71 North to the E. 9th St. exit, go north on E. 9th St. and turn left onto Erieside Ave.

From South of Cleveland

Take I-77 North to the E. 9th St. exit, go north on E. 9th St. and turn left onto Erieside Ave.

From North East of Cleveland

Take I-90 West to the E. 9th St. exit, turn right on E. 9th St. and then make an immediate left onto Erieside Ave.

From South East of Cleveland

Take I-80 West to I-77 North to the E. 9th St. exit, go north on E. 9th St. and turn left onto Erieside Ave.

