

Sips N Sharks Information Sheet

What to Bring

- Sleeping bag, camping mat (optional), twin or full size air mattress (optional), something warm to sleep in, pillow and toiletry items. The Shark Lagoon Tunnel can get quite chilly at night. Please be sure you bring warm pajamas.
- CPAP machines will be accommodated by sleeping at the end of the tunnel.
- Please contact the Education office prior to arrival to inform us of any medical conditions or special needs (including dietary).

What Not to Bring

- Flashlights, battery-powered/ electrical items such as cellphones are not permitted in the tunnel during sleeping hours. If you require your cellphone during sleeping hours we reserve the right to have your party sleep in the penguin playhouse.
- Anything of real personal value.
- Outside food and drinks are not permitted.
- Non-paying participants are not allowed into the program.

Adults

- Adults attending the program must adhere to the rules set forth by the educators.
- Please respect that we have rules for a reason. These rules are put in place for your safety and the safety of our staff. We have staff here 24 hours a day working on the upkeep of our facility.
- Adults are not allowed to leave the building at any point during the night unless previously approved by the lead staff member, this does include smoke breaks.
- The Cargo Hold gift shop will not be available during your overnight however the gift shop will open the next morning when the aquarium opens.

Parking

- There are 6 bus parking spots located directly behind the Aquarium (pending availability). You are welcome to use these during the program. Please note that we will need people to park behind one another for this event as to accommodate as many cars as possible. If the parking spaces are full or exceed parking spot capacity the vehicles that do not fit in the designated spots will need to park in the city owned parking garage behind the aquarium. This parking garage is a pay lot that incurs a \$10.00/vehicle charge. We are unable to validate parking since the City of Gatlinburg owns the lot.
 - All cars parked in bus parking must be moved promptly after the program ends. All cars will need to be moved before you re-enter the building.

Sample Schedule

*Schedule subject to change

- 8:00-8:15pm Arrival/Store belongings in classroom/ Bathroom break
- 8:15-8:25pm Meet in classroom for Introductions/Rules
- 8:25pm Bar Opens
- 8:30-10pm Light Hors D'oeuvres and Drinks
- 9:15-10:30pm Behind the Scenes Tour (Optional)
- 9:15-11:20pm Free time in the aquarium
- 11:20-11:45pm Regroup/Overnight Rules/Get ready for bed
- 12:00-12:30am Set camp up in tunnel

- 12:30am Lights out!
- 7:00am Rise and Shine!
- 7:00-7:45am Get ready for the day/Store gear
- 7:45-8:15am Breakfast
- 8:15-8:45am Creature Feature/Tank Talk
- 8:45 Goodbyes!

Bars close at 10:00pm. Behind the Scenes tours are optional. Maximum 20 participants for each Behind the Scenes tour.

