

Overnights

HOSTED BY

CHABOT
SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER

**OVERNIGHT
TOOLKIT**

ARRIVAL DIRECTIONS



PARKING AND UNLOADING: Chabot is located at 10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland, CA 94619. Upon arrival keep driving past the main entrance to the Center from Skyline Blvd (you should see posted signs) and enter via the second driveway further down the road. Turn right and right again and drive up to the back of the Center through the lower parking lots to the marked unloading zone between the two buildings. Unload at this designated spot. Staff will be there to assist and help with way-finding. After unloading, proceed forward to the main garage for parking and enter through the main Center entrance for check-in. For your safety do not leave valuables in sight in your vehicle.

HOURS: The Saturday evening Odyssey Overnight youth program is from 5pm-10am and Fridays from 6pm-10am. Our public, family Slumber with the Stars program is scheduled from 6pm-9am, with times varying. Programming will start 25 minutes following the check-in time. All guests must exit the center by 10am the next morning.

ARRIVALS/EARLY DEPARTURES: Please arrive at your designated check-in time. Chabot is situated in a beautiful redwood forest with array of hiking trails and maps. Many groups choose to come early to enjoy the park setting or the adjacent archery range. Late arrivals from 6-10pm should enter via the main driveway and main public entrance. The front doors will be closed from 10pm-7am. Contact your on-site overnight host(s) to identify entry locations outside of these hours.

CHECK-IN: If you purchased tickets online, please bring your paper or electronic tickets to check-in. If your group leader purchased tickets on your behalf, we will have a roster with your name(s) for check-in. You will receive an overnight passport which contains the event schedule, a map and an exhibit scavenger hunt (youth groups).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Complete our online form at <https://forms.gle/jtRozw8US7xXL7XE8> no later than 10 days prior to your visit.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT TO BRING:

- Sleeping bag/pad/pillow/cot
- Tents if sleeping outdoors
- Jacket for the observatory
- Pajamas / change of clothing
- Toiletries, medications, etc.
- Water bottle
- Eye masks or earplugs for those sensitive to light and/or sound

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- Heating devices
- Alcohol
- Valuables and/or noise-generating devices
- Shoes with wheels

SLEEPING LOCATIONS: Indoor: exhibit spaces and meeting rooms. Outdoors: Outdoor courtyard and observation deck. Groups are given a suggested area by size. Sleeping setup may not begin until bedtime. Observatory tenting may not begin until 10pm when it closes to the public.

Girl Scout Exclusive Overnights: We require men and boys to use separate sleeping locations and restrooms. Troops must provide at least one screened female Girl Scout Volunteer to sleep in the area with the girls. If a father attends with his daughter, separate from a troop, his daughter can sleep in the same area as him as part of the male sleeping area, but he may not sleep in the female area with his daughter. His daughter is also allowed to sleep in the female sleeping area with another troop if she pleases.

Girl Scout at Non-Girl Scout Overnights: We understand that some Girl Scouts may sign up for these events. If Girl Scouts are attending as a troop, it is the Troop Leader's responsibility to ensure the safety of the girls in her troop. We will accommodate a separate area if requested.

SLEEPING COTS/MATS: Yes, we have a limited number of cots for adults. We recommend guests bring sleeping mats and/or cots. Cots are distributed on a first come first serve basis.

DEVICE CHARGING/CPAP POWER: The center is equipped with numerous electrical outlets. For assistance locating them ask one of our overnight hosts.

SHOPPING/SOUVENIRS/BADGES: The Starry Nights gift shop will open at 9:15am for your shopping pleasure. Chabot and/or Girl Scout Space Science badges are available for purchase for \$3.00 online and in person for exact change (cash) after breakfast.

CHAPERONE POLICY: Chabot staff and volunteers are not responsible for the supervision of youth. Teachers, chaperones, and groups counselors are responsible for the supervision of students or youth throughout their visit. Adults must remain within view of students constantly. Chaperones are responsible for the behavior of the children under their care and must ensure that their group is under their control at all times. We have the following overnight rules: 1. No inappropriate language, teasing or put-downs; 2. Listen and follow the directions of the instructors and overnight hosts; 3. Respect the materials, equipment, facilities, and the outdoor environment. Additionally, we have a zero-tolerance policy for overnights who deliberately physically harm other people or damage property. If you

encounter an issue with another group, please go to your designated Chabot Space & Science Center host or our onsite security officer for assistance.

MEALS: Dinner and breakfast buffet are included with your overnight stay. The menus rotate frequently. Please indicate your meal preference: meat, vegetarian, or vegan in our electronic consent and waiver no later than 10 days before your overnight stay. Those persons who register late or who did not complete the electronic consent form and/or meal selection will receive a meat entrée as the default selection. The meals are pre-ordered and delivered. Therefore, last minute adjustments cannot be accommodated. Those with dietary restrictions may bring their own food. However, we are not able to accommodate refrigeration or heating needs. No cooking appliances or outside deliveries are allowed. Alcohol is also not permitted except when served or sold during adult overnights.

ADA COMPLIANCE: The Center provides a wide variety of accommodations to individuals with disabilities.

- Accessible parking is located near the main entrance across from the parking structure. Additional parking is located in the Staff Parking Lot below the observatory complex.
- Wheelchairs are available at the Front Desk on a first come, first served basis. Please call ahead to reserve one.
- Wheelchair seating is available in the planetarium on a first come, first served basis.
- With the aid of special eyepiece, Nellie, our 36" reflector telescope, is wheelchair accessible.
- Service animals are permitted in the center.

AGE RESTRICTIONS: The minimum age is 5 years for youth and scout programs, 4 years for family Slumber with the Stars program, and 21 and over for adult-only sleepovers.

GIRL SCOUT SWAPS: Girl Scouts often make small tokens of friendship to exchange with the Girl Scouts they meet while traveling. These little gifts are called "SWAPS," which stands for "Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere." We encourage you to perform your SWAPS in the morning.

STAFFING/SECURITY: Chabot staff, volunteers, astronomers, members of the East Bay Astronomical Society will lead the primary parts of your program including workshops, hands-on activities, planetarium shows and telescope viewing. A team of overnight hosts will remain onsite and on-call for the entirety of your overnight program. Security is included.

LATE NIGHT ASSISTANCE/EMERGENCIES: Should you need assistance between 11pm-7am a radio with instructions will be stationed at the box office to reach our onsite security and overnight hosts. Directions on how to use it will be explained during your orientation. For outside calls to Chabot Space & Science Center during the overnight call (510) 336-7373 during public hours 10am-5pm or (925) 272-8417; (510) 336-7329 11pm-7am. On overnight days our staff does not arrive before 2pm on Odyssey nights and 3pm for Slumber nights.

Thank you for choosing Chabot Space & Science Center for as your overnight destination. We look forward to sharing the wonders of the universe with your family. For all other questions or concerns including feedback or to share photos email us at Overnights@ChabotSpace.org.

