



Overnight Safari Fact Sheet

- WHO?** All adventurous safariers seeking a thrill of a lifetime - ages six through adult!
A maximum of 50 people, including adults (smaller groups will be combined with other groups).
A minimum of 20 participants is required to run an overnight program.
- WHAT?** An exciting evening of exploration, discovering African wildlife and culture! Many topics are available that can help scouts earn a badge.
- WHERE?** Wild Africa – For the adventurous, who want to brave the elements and bed down in an open-air pavilion. Relax to the sights and sounds of an African summer night and wake to roaming giraffe, galloping zebras, and wandering ostrich!
- WHEN?** Most Fridays and Saturdays, April – October **[Click here to view open dates!](#)**
Check in time is 5:45 pm and program ends at 10:15 am the following morning (11:15 am on Sundays).
This is a LOCK-IN! Sorry, no late arrivals or early departures.
- WHY?** Discover: What happens after all of the people leave the zoo? Which animals are still awake? Which ones are just waking up? Play exciting and interactive games and learn why conservation is important. Find out how zoos are working together to ensure the survival of endangered animals. All this fun and excitement, while earning a badge! Choose from one of the following programs topics:
Ages: 7-9
❖ **African Animals, African People:** Introduce your group to African wildlife and culture while sleeping in Binder Park Zoo's Wild Africa. Brownies will work toward their "Brownie Girl Scouts Around the World Try-It" Badge!
- Ages: 10-12**
❖ **Twilight Safari:** This overnight is a thrill seeking experience for any group wanting to learn about African animals. Junior Girl Scouts will work toward their "Your Outdoor Surroundings" Badge. It's a Jungle out there!
- Ages: 13-17**
❖ **Africa Eco-Action:** This overnight is excellent for the environmentally conscious Group. Cadets/senior Girl Scouts will work toward their "Eco-Action" Badge!
- HOW MUCH?** **\$45 per**
This includes:
* Two-day admission to the zoo before and/or after your Safari!
* Pizza dinner, late-night snack, and continental breakfast
* A safari hat (children only)
* An Overnight Safari patch (children only)
* A souvenir cup (for all attending)
* A chance to watch giraffe, zebra and kudu stretch their legs on the early morning savanna!
- Deluxe Package** - The Deluxe Package provides additional opportunities to enjoy the zoo before or after your overnight. For \$7.50 per person, each participant will receive an extra Binder Park Zoo patch and two tokens. Tokens can be used to: feed the giraffe at Twiga Overlook in Wild Africa, Ride the Z.O.&O. Railroad, Ride the Binda Conservation Carousel

*Registrations are accepted as form and payment are received, provided there is an opening.
Please refer to the enclosed registration materials for more information.*



What Will Happen on Your Overnight Safari?

*Join your own personal Safari Tour Guide on a wonderful adventure
discovering the diverse animals of Wild Africa!!!*

- ✓ Your Safari Tour Guide will greet you in the parking lot outside of the Cross Administration office and will lead your group in loading your belongings onto the Wilderness Tram.
- ✓ You will embark on a 10-minute journey and arrive at an African village amidst Zuri National Park. After a scrumptious pizza dinner, you will begin your safari at the Zuri National Park Headquarters. Each child will receive a safari hat to protect his/her eyes from the hot African sun.
- ✓ Your personal park ranger will lead you through Zuri National Park. On this adventurous walking tour, you will encounter wild African animals; visit a Park Ranger Station, a Research Camp, a Forest Reserve, and an African Village complete with a marketplace, restaurant, and clean bathrooms.
- ✓ Along the way, you will participate in activities learning about African rangers, researchers, foresters, natives, tourists, and even poachers! These interactions will help you discover Africa, its wildlife, and what you can do to help save it for future generations.
- ✓ As the sun sets over the African savanna, we will contain our activities to the village to avoid conflicts with dangerous, roaming wildlife. However, you will still have a chance to meet less threatening African inhabitants face to face. And no safari adventure is complete without stories by a campfire!
- ✓ Rise and Shine! The rising sun will wake us to start our day with a continental breakfast, as the African grazers enjoy grass on the savannah. You will have the rare opportunity to see zebra, antelope, and giraffe stretch their legs as they come out onto the savannah before other zoo guests arrive.
- ✓ Your safari will end at 10:15 am the following morning (11:15 am on Sundays) as you head back to the USA aboard the Wilderness Tram. Your return trip is an open-ended ticket and you are welcome to stay as long as you like. Patches will be handed out signifying that you have survived your safari in Wild Africa.
- ✓ Dinner, a snack, and breakfast will be served at the Kalahari Kitchen, conveniently located in the African village overlooking the African Savannah.
- ✓ Each Overnight Safari has a specific topic targeted at a certain age group. There are many topics to choose from! Although any group and age level may attend any of our overnights, keep in mind that we are targeting specific age ranges and topics.
- ✓ You can come early and enjoy the zoo, stay after your overnight, or both! It's all included in your program fee. What a deal!