



# General Itinerary for Overnight Safari

## Evening

5:45 – 6:00	ARRIVE, CHECK IN
6:00 - 6:15	WILDERNESS TRAM RIDE TO WILD AFRICA
6:15 – 6:45	ORIENTATION, GET ACQUAINTED
6:45 - 7:15	DINNER
7:15 – dusk	OUTDOOR GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
dusk – 10:30	ANIMAL PRESENTATIONS
10:30 – 11:30	SNACK, FLASHLIGHT CAMPFIRE
11:30 – 12:00	BED DOWN
Midnight	SLEEP!

## \*Morning

7:00 - 8:00	WAKE UP, PACK
8:00 – 8:30	BREAKFAST
8:30 – 10:00	MORE OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
10:00 – 10:15	WILDERNESS TRAM RIDE BACK TO THE USA

\*All activities on Sunday mornings are pushed back an hour and the program ends at 11:15 am.

*\*\*\*This is a just a general itinerary. Specific times are subject to change due to pace of the group and unexpected circumstances.\*\*\**

**After your Overnight Safari, you are free to  
enjoy the zoo for the rest of the day!**



# Packing List for Overnight Safari

## Leaders!

### Please distribute the following information to each participant.

Program is scheduled to begin at 5:45 pm and end at 10:15 am the following morning (11:15 on Sundays).

This is a LOCK-IN; therefore we cannot accommodate late arrivals or early departures.

We will sleep in an outdoor, screened-in pavilion with cement floors and no heating or air-conditioning.

If you have any questions, please relay them through your group leader.

### **Packing List: (Pack lightly! All your overnight gear must be carried from your car to the sleeping area.)**

- SLEEPING BAG & PILLOW (*we sleep on a cement floor – ¼ inch bed rolls will be provided*)
- AIR MATTRESS/SLEEPING MAT (*optional*)
- COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES (*athletic shoes are preferable; Please no sandals, flip flops or open-toed shoes*)
- SLEEPWEAR (*warm pajamas or sweat suits; slippers for nighttime treks to the bathroom*)
- CHANGE OF COMFORTABLE CLOTHING FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY
- WEATHER-APPROPRIATE CLOTHING (*raincoat and cold weather gear*)
- BASIC TOILETRIES (*hand towel, washcloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb/brush; showers not available*)
- FLASHLIGHT (*adults only*)
- MOSQUITO REPELLANT (*optional*)

\*Clearly label ALL belongings. Binder Park is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

\* No food or drink may be brought on Zoo grounds as these items attract “non-zoo” critters.

Parents! Contact your leader if you have questions about the overnight. All calls from parents to the zoo about your child’s overnight will be directed to the child’s leader.

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# How to visit Binder Park Zoo before or after your Overnight Safari:

\*\*\*Your registration fee includes a two-day admission to the zoo before and/or after your Safari!\*\*\*

## ARRIVING EARLY?

Wristbands for all participants will be sent to the group leader before your overnight. If you plan on arriving early, please leave your overnight belongings in your car and check in at the Zoo Main Entrance. Just show them your wristband to gain entry to the zoo. Do not lose or forget your wristband because anyone without a wristband will be charged the regular zoo admission fee. *Parents and siblings who are not going to spend the night need to pay admission at the Zoo Entrance.* No food or drinks may be brought into the zoo. However, picnic areas are available for your use surrounding the parking lot. Plan enough time to exit the zoo, unload, and be ready to meet the staff in the parking lot in front of the Cross Administration Building by 5:45 pm. **Unless you want to feed the giraffes, save WILD AFRICA for your overnight!!** Zoo Hours: 9am-5pm Fridays, 9am-6pm Saturdays, and 11am-6pm Sundays.

## STAYING LATE?

Make sure to visit all exhibit areas not covered during your Overnight Safari. Always re-enter through the Zoo Main Entrance. *Parents and siblings who did not spend the night need to pay admission at the Zoo Entrance.* No food or drinks may be brought into the zoo. However, picnic areas are available for your use surrounding the parking lot.

## TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE DELUXE PACKAGE?

Be sure to complete the Deluxe Package activities on your own time as you tour the zoo BEFORE or AFTER the overnight. Time for you to do these activities is not built into the actual overnight program. Twiga Overlook in Wild Africa opens 1 Hour after the zoo opens and closes around 3-4pm (please keep in mind that Giraffes feed on their own time), Z.O.& O. Railroad and Binda Conservation Carousel are both open 9am-5pm Fridays, 9am-6pm Saturdays, and 11am-6pm Sundays.

## TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR VISIT, BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING

\*\*\*Visit times are approximate\*\*\*

CAROUSEL, MEXICAN WOLVES (1/2 hour)

MILLER CHILDREN'S ZOO (1/2 hour)

ZOOLOGICAL OUTBACK AND OVERLAND RAILROAD RIDE (1/2 hour)

EXHIBITS - LEMURS, WALLABIES, TORTOISE (SEASONAL), COCKATOOS, SWANS (1/2 hour)

EXHIBITS - CHEETAHS, GIBBONS, MONGOLIAN WILD HORSES, BALD EAGLES (1/2 hour)

SWAMP ADVENTURE (1 hour)

CONSERVATION ADVENTURE STATION (1/2 hour)

WILD AFRICA (2 hours)

## LOOKING FOR SOUVENIRS?

Stop in for a little shopping at ZAWADI TRADERS in Wild Africa and the SAFARI GIFT SHOP in the east zoo.

Gift shop hours are:

10:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday – Friday

10:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm Sunday

## ARE YOU HUNGRY?

Chow down at KALAHARI KITCHEN in Wild Africa and BEULAH'S RESTAURANT in the east zoo.

Restaurant hours are:

10:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday – Friday

10:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm Sunday