

Everything you need to know
for sleepovers
at the **National**
Aquarium
of New Zealand



To make a booking or to enquire about sleepovers at the National Aquarium of New Zealand please contact us.

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General Information

Who?

- Groups of children aged five and over (adult ratio 1:6 required)
- Minimum of 20 people
- Suitable for school groups, brownies, guides, scouts, cubs, etc.

What?

The sleepover programme is run by a National Aquarium of New Zealand sleepover supervisor who will be accompanied by one or two assistants depending on the group size. The programme will vary depending on the staff, time of year, theme or nature of the group, but will include:

- Games
- Competitions
- Prizes
- Scavenger hunt

When?

Start time: 6pm

(A free education lesson for schools can be arranged prior to your sleepover from 5pm – see 'Education for School Sleepovers').

Finish time: approx 8.30am the following day

Where?

- Groups stay in the National Aquarium Exhibition Hall (in front of the Pania Reef Tank).
- Children and adults all sleep in the same area on carpeted floor.
- Please note there are no public showers.
- When you arrive please come to the main entrance.
- Free parking is available outside the building.

Meals

- We provide dinner, supper and breakfast (please make us aware of any special dietary requirements).
- The dinner is Burger Fuel with adult and child sized meals. (Alternative burgers available on request for special dietary needs: gluten free/ halal/vegetarian/allergies).
- Special meals may incur an extra charge. Please discuss when ordering your meals.

How much?

- \$60 per person
- This price is the same for both adults and children.

Payments

- You will be invoiced by the Napier City Council on the day after the sleepover.
- Please provide all contact details on booking.

Numbers

The minimum number for any sleepover is 20 people (adults and children).

If you have less than 20 people in your group but are happy to pay the total cost for 20 people we are happy to run the evening with a smaller group. The maximum number is flexible and to the discretion of the National Aquarium of New Zealand. Larger groups over 50 may be required to sleep in separate areas due to safety regulations.

What to bring?

- Sleeping bag, pillow, blanket, sleeping mat or stretcher, etc.
- Clothing
- Toiletries
- A written list of all the attendees who will stay over night
- At least one large torch for the group to use

NB: Our exhibition hall can be quite cold at night, please ensure everyone has warm clothing and sleeping gear.

Other things to know

Adults are in charge of the supervision of children in their group and assist in the general running of the programme.

Absolutely no alcohol, drugs or smoking. No pets.

Cancellation

If you wish to cancel your booking please do so at least four days beforehand.

Next steps?

Please contact us a week before your sleepover to give us final confirmed numbers. We will need total adults in the group and total children so we can order the right sized meals.

NB: These are the numbers we order dinners for – if they change after the final confirmation, please let us know!



Rules

This is our home so please read these rules before you come to visit, so that you can enjoy your visit.

- Students are not allowed in the Treasure Chest gift shop, the lift or staff only areas. These areas are clearly labelled. Security cameras operate throughout the day in the building. If you would like your class to visit the gift shop, please monitor your students.
- Children are expected to walk, not run, in the aquarium.
- Please keep hands and objects out of the tanks.
- Help us be kaitiaki! Look after our visitors and animals by being quiet, respectful and by not tapping on the glass.
- Photos may be taken everywhere in the aquarium. Please shut off the flash in the kiwi area.
- While moving around the aquarium, please stay to the left of the hallway to allow space for other visitors.



Thank you!

Sample Sleepover Itinerary

Timing and events depend on the sleepover theme, the staff, you and your group.

5:00pm (school groups)

- Arrive
- Education lesson for schools (must be pre-booked)

6:00pm (non school groups)

- Arrive
- Meet sleepover staff in Exhibition Hall
- Rules
- Emergency exits and toilets

6:30pm

- Burger Fuel arrives
- Dinner in Exhibition Hall

7:00pm (onwards)

- Split into teams
- Team building activities including:
 - Treasure/scavenger hunts
 - Team races
 - Various team games
- Supper – set up beds etc.
- Night Tour

Bed

Morning 7:00 am

- Breakfast trolley to Exhibition Hall
- Group to have breakfast and pack gear up
- Morning tour

8:30 am

- Goodbyes

Please note that times are not always exact and order of events may change slightly on the night.



Sleepover Themes

There are different themes to choose from. Please confirm your theme choice when booking.

Piranhas in Pyjamas

The original option with Scavenger/questionnaire Hunt, Funimals, Solve the Riddle, Amazon Bingo, a night-time tour of the aquarium and team building games.

Pirate Pranks

Pirate themed activities like making pirate hats, walking the plank, treasure hunt, pirate bingo, 'Ship's Captain' game and a night-time tour of the aquarium.

If no theme is specified the 'Piranhas in Pyjamas' will be the automatic choice.

Education for School Sleepovers

As part of the sleepover programme we offer the chance for your group to participate in our education programme.

This programme is run by our aquarium education team.

The programme runs for one hour. This includes a half hour lesson on your chosen topic followed by a consolidation activity-worksheet or game.

This is at no extra charge to the group; however you will need to be at the aquarium at 5pm.

The sleepover will still start at 6pm.

Please visit our website nationalaquarium.co.nz to choose a programme and contact the education team today.

Menu

The Dinner Menu

Adult Meal: Burger- 1/3 lb of beef, melted cheddar, relish, aioli and pickle on a full sized wholemeal bun and fries

Child Meal: Burger- ¼ lb of beef, melted cheddar, relish and aioli on a mini size wholemeal bun and fries

The Breakfast Menu

- Cereals
- Peaches
- Toast
- Spreads
- Tea/coffee – adults
- Cordial - children

The Snack Menu

- Biscuits
- Tea/coffee – adults
- Cordial - children



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watching us!
We are
watching
you...