

ASTRONIGHTS

Group leader information

We're excited to be meeting you and your group for Astronights. We've put this guide together so you know what to expect on the night. There's also a 'camper survival guide' for the children you are bringing.

Adult responsibilities:

- Ensuring your group follows the Astronights rules on the registration form and set out in the health and safety talk on the night
- Ensuring your group doesn't disturb those who are sleeping
- Participating and supporting your group during Astronights activities
- Disciplining your group

If our staff think you may be causing unreasonable offence to other visitors, impacting on the enjoyment of other campers or are endangering yourself, others, our property or our collections, they will ask you to stop. Our staff have the authority to escort you from the museum premises if necessary.

How do we get to the Science Museum?

Our address is:

Science Museum
Exhibition Road,
South Kensington,
London SW7 2DD

The nearest tube station is South Kensington. This is on the District, Circle and Piccadilly lines and is a five-minute walk from the museum.

We don't have car parking facilities and local parking is very limited.

What should adults bring?

- Sleeping bag
- Pyjamas
- Wash kit
- Packed evening snack
- Water bottle

We don't have shower facilities on site.

You might also want:

- A pillow
- An eye mask for sleeping (some lighting is left on overnight)

Please do not bring:

- Camp beds or inflatable beds
- Alcohol
- Candles or knives for birthday cakes

The museum cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage of personal property brought by campers.

We will sometimes conduct bag searches on arrival at the Science Museum. The searches look for restricted items and any other material that might be considered a risk to our collection, or to the health and safety and enjoyment of our visitors.

Where and when do we arrive?

We'll open the doors of our Main Entrance at 18.45, and keep them open until 19.30.

What if we arrive late?

Go to the Science Museum Group Entrance on Imperial College Road.

When do we leave?

Astronights finishes at 10.00 the next day. The Science Museum will open to the public at this time and you're welcome to stay and explore some more.

Where will we sleep?

You'll be sleeping on the floor among our objects! We'll provide you with a thin sleeping mat to make you a bit more comfortable.

You will sleep as a group, in the same area. We won't split up your group. There will, however, be other groups and staff around you. The galleries are mixed-gender sleeping areas and there'll be a mix of both female and male staff members working the night. There will also be both male and female staff supervising overnight.

You're welcome to sleep anywhere in your assigned gallery. Please note that children will still need supervision while sleeping.

When and what will we eat?

We recommend you eat an evening meal before coming to Astronights. We'll have a break at around 20.40 when you can eat your packed snack.

No food and drink will be on sale during Astronights.

Breakfast will be provided. It usually consists of a croissant, fruit muffin and juice.

Emergencies

We have a first-aider on duty throughout the event.

If you have an emergency at home and want to contact us on the night, please call our Control Room on 020 7942 4444 – only use this number in emergencies.

Any more questions?

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