



# Participant Guide

Snoozeums are a rare opportunity for families with children ages 6-12 to visit the Museum after dark. This guide will help answer questions as you prepare for our unique event. If you still have questions, please call the Snoozeum hotline at (773) 753-3885, or email [snoozeuminfo@msichicago.org](mailto:snoozeuminfo@msichicago.org).

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## When, What, Where:

The Snoozeum begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 8:30 a.m. the following day.

You can experience the Museum at your own pace throughout the evening. “Build-n-Play” activities and a scavenger hunt complement our world-famous exhibits. A sample schedule is included in this guide. A formal Program Map with times and locations of activities, will be handed out when you check in.

Parking in our underground garage is included in admission. Entrance to the garage is a left at the second stoplight after exiting Lake Shore Drive at 57<sup>th</sup> Street. The Museum can also be reached by train or bus – for maps and directions visit [msichicago.org/getting-here](http://msichicago.org/getting-here) . Please note that the above ground parking lot east of the Museum building is a metered lot administered by the Chicago Park District and is not recommended for parking for the Snoozeum.

**Please note: MSI is NOT on the Museum Campus (by Soldier Field) but is five miles south on Lake Shore Drive at 57<sup>th</sup> Street.**

## Checking In:

Check-in will be in the Museum’s Entry Hall, just off the underground parking garage.

To check in you must have:

- A ticket
- completed the online Participant Release Form for each participant

### At check in:

- Please plan to show a digital or printed version of your Snoozeum ticket at check-in.
- Each participant will be given a **color-coded wristband**. The color of the band indicates the time that your group is assigned for a Giant Dome Theater film screening, snack and breakfast.
- You will receive a **sleeping area assignment**. Our staff will then direct you to this area to leave your gear. Please leave your gear rolled up against the wall until lights out so that everyone may walk freely in the exhibit areas. For safety, please do not change this assignment. If you have a problem, please contact a staff member.
- You will receive a copy of the **Program Map** showing the location of activities and other information to help you enjoy your evening.
- You can pick up a copy of the Great MSI Scavenger Hunt to do as you explore the Museum. A separate patch is available to those completing the scavenger hunt. Participating in the scavenger hunt is optional.



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## For a Fun and Safe Time:

Please follow these rules when attending the Snoozeum:

- Snoozeum guests are expected to abide by MSI's Visitor Policies at <https://www.msichicago.org/visit/visitor-policies/> and COVID-19 health and safety protocols at <https://www.msichicago.org/visit/know-before-you-go/>. Please be sure to review the policies and protocols before the Snoozeum to get the latest updates.
- Adults must accompany children at all times (even to the restroom at night).
- Guests must wear shoes at all times when walking around the Museum (even at night). Think of it as camping without the actual outdoors.
- Don't unroll your sleeping items until bedtime. We don't want anyone to be walking on your belongings to see our exhibits.
- Don't set up your bed in front of marked exits or stairwells, and leave a walkway between people. We don't want anyone being stepped on in the dark.
- Be respectful of other people and their belongings. Do not run or play on stairways, escalators or elevators. There will be plenty of ways to have fun.
- No food or drink is allowed overnight in exhibit areas. Alcohol is not permitted anywhere.
- Snoozeum guests may bring wagons for their gear, but it must remain parked at your sleep site.
- We ask you to observe quiet after midnight.
- Museum security officers patrol the premises all night. If you have any problems or an emergency, please contact a security officer or staff member.
- Should an emergency arise, you will be directed what to do by Museum staff and uniformed security personnel. Please follow their directions quickly and quietly.
- Clean up your sleeping area by 8:30 a.m. Cleaning crews will start going through areas to get the Museum ready to open for the public.
- All bags may be subject to security inspection. Please follow posted signage at the Museum (for example, designated smoking areas outside the Museum (not in our parking garage) and no concealed firearms inside the building).
- No weapons of any kind, including knives, pepper spray, and stun-guns/tasers are permitted inside the building.
- The Museum reserves the right to ask anyone to leave the Snoozeum -- without a refund and regardless of the hour -- who does not adhere to these rules or because of inappropriate behavior (for example, inappropriate sleeping locations, excessive noise, safety issues or any other disturbances).
- Please notify us at least two (2) weeks prior to the Snoozeum if members of your group have any special needs or accommodation requests. Refrigeration is available for medicine or special dietary needs. We are better able to accommodate your needs with advance notice.

## Payment and Cancellation Policies:

- All reservations are first come, first served. We reserve the right to limit the number of attendees.
  - The Museum reserves the right to cancel the Snoozeum at any time.
  - Any cancellations by the participant received less than four (4) weeks before the event will only be entitled to a refund of fifty percent (50%) of the fee.
  - No refunds will be given for cancellations received less than seven (7) days before the event, including after the event.
- No tickets are available at the door.



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## WHAT TO BRING

- Ticket
- Sleeping bag, bed roll, pillow, etc.
- Cot or air mattress if you wish (there are a limited number of electrical outlets for air pumps)
- Washcloth and towel (our public washrooms have only air hand-dryers)
- Toothbrush and other toiletries
- T-shirt, shorts, or sweats to sleep in (shirt and pants must be worn at all times)
- Layers of clothing—temperatures throughout our building vary
- Earplugs—sorry, there is nothing we can do about people who snore
- Sleep (eye) mask (security lights must remain on all night for safety)
- Flashlight

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Tents (unless you are a Platinum Level group sleeping in one of the select locations allowing tents)
- Expensive electronics or other valuables
- Pajamas (shirt and pants must be worn at all times)
- Slippers (please wear shoes to travel around the Museum)
- Food or beverages (guests with food allergies may bring their own food or beverages, but please do not eat or drink in exhibit areas)

## PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU NEED SPECIFIC ACCOMODATIONS

Snoozeum Hot Line: (773) 753-3885

## OTHER THINGS TO KNOW

- You will receive your assigned times for a Giant Dome Theater film screening, snack and breakfast when you arrive.
- You will be assigned a sleeping area at check in.
- You will receive a Program Map with all activities at check in.
- The Great MSI Scavenger Hunt is available in the Rotunda on the main level.
- Some Museum exhibits have a limited capacity. Free, timed-entry tickets will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. (Gold and Platinum tiers have reserved ticket times)
- Overnight parking is included in admission. If you choose to stay for the next day, you will be required to pay for parking. **(All Snoozeum perks end at 9:30 am)**
- A Snoozeum patch will be available. All patches for a group will be given to the group leader. Families may pick up a patch at the Information Table anytime during the evening.
- Check in time may change with individual dates. Please check information sent with your tickets.
- A light dinner will be available for purchase at our Museum Kitchen.
- The Museum Store will be open. Check the Program Map for exact times.
- Security lights must remain on all night for safety. Some exhibit areas will not be dark. We have complimentary sleep masks if you are having trouble getting to sleep.
- Admission to the Museum for the following day after your overnight is included in admission to the Snoozeum but you will be required to pay for parking if you stay past 9:30 am.
- **To contact someone at the Snoozeum in case of emergencies, call 24-hour security desk: (773) 753-2574.**



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## Sample Snoozeum Program Schedule

*Schedule subject to change. The Museum reserves the right to substitute experiences as necessary*

### Evening

- 5:30–7 p.m.** Check in (Entry Hall)
- 6-8:30 p.m.** Dinner available for purchase at the Museum Kitchen *Burgers, pizza, salads, sandwiches*
- 6–11 p.m.** **Museum Exhibits**
- Enjoy the Museum’s exhibits until 11 p.m. unless otherwise posted. Check the Program Map you will receive at check in for specific times.
- The Great MSI Scavenger Hunt**
- Explore MSI’s treasures by using the scavenger hunt and earn a special patch!
- Exhibit Tours** (until 10 p.m.)
- **The Coal Mine** has a limited capacity. Timed entry tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are Gold or Platinum Tier these tickets can be reserved.
  - **U-505 Submarine:** Experience the capture of this historic WWII artifact. Timed-entry tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are a Gold or Platinum Tier these tickets can be reserved.
- Live Science Experiences** (times vary)
- Explore scientific phenomena and technological marvels with our facilitators and volunteers
- Build-n-Play Activities (7- 9 p.m.)**
- Make your own science toys to take home.
- Giant Dome Theater film**
- A current film will be shown. The color of your wristband will indicate your group’s pre-assigned time.
- 9–11 p.m.** **Snack** (*Chips, granola bar, fruit, juice and coffee*)
- The color of your wristband will indicate your group’s pre-assigned time
- 11–11:30 p.m.** Join your group in your sleep area and prepare for bed
- 11:30 p.m.** LIGHTS OUT!
- 6:30 a.m.** Good morning!
- 6:30–8 a.m.** **Breakfast** (Museum Kitchen)  
*Cold box cereal, muffin, banana, coffee, juice and milk.*  
The color of your wristband will indicate your group’s pre-assigned time.
- 8:30 a.m.** **Pack up**  
*All belongings must be removed from the exhibits.*
- End of program**
- 9:30 a.m.** *You are welcome to stay at the Museum but all Snoozeum benefits end at 9:30. Please note: You will be charged for Parking after 9:30 a.m. if you stay for the day.*

Thank you for joining us at the Snoozeum!



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## Frequently Asked Questions:

**Can I check in late?** Yes. After 8 p.m., you may check in at the Snoozeum Information Table.

**Can I bring food or drink?** Please do not bring any food or drink with you to the Museum. We have a snack and continental breakfast scheduled during your visit (both are included in the cost of the Snoozeum). Exceptions are made if you have specific food allergies.

**Will there be any restaurants open so we can buy dinner?** You may purchase dinner (burgers, pizza, salads, sandwiches) at the Museum Kitchen in the early part of the evening.

**Will I get a patch for attending?** Yes. Family participants can pick up a complimentary patch at the Information Table until 11 p.m. Patches for groups will be given to the group leaders to distribute.

**What film will be shown?** One of the current films at the time of your event will be shown. Information will be sent before the event.

**Is there a t-shirt available?** Snoozeum t-shirts are included in the Gold and Platinum Tiers. They may be available for purchase from coat check the following morning. Check your program for more information.

**Can I bring an inflatable mattress?** Yes, but there are limited outlets for air pumps. Please do not blow it up until bedtime.

**Can I plug something in overnight?** Although we have some outlets around, they don't all stay on all night. Please call the Snoozeum hotline to see if arrangements can be made: (773)753-3885. Leave a message and someone will return your call.

**Can I sleep anywhere in the entire building?** For safety, we will assign you an exhibit area to sleep in. If you sleep in an area other than your pre-assigned one, you will be asked to move. If you have a problem or concern about your assigned sleeping area, please contact a Museum staff member.

**Can we wander and explore the Museum all night?** No. The Exhibits will be closed and Snoozeum participants will be sleeping throughout the building.

**Does it get dark after the lights go out?** Not entirely. Safety lights remain on in all exhibits. Some areas are darker than others. If you have trouble getting to sleep, we have complimentary sleep masks, or you may bring your own.

**Does the Museum get cold at night?** The Museum is a very large building. The temperature will vary from area to area. We recommend you bring layers.

**Is first aid available?** Staff trained in first aid will be available throughout the entire evening. Should you have a need for first aid, please notify any Museum staff member.

**Questions before the event date?** Call the Snoozeum hotline at (773) 753-3885.

**Questions after 5 p.m. the day of the event or to reach someone at the event?** Call our security desk at (773) 753-2574. For a quicker answer, call rather than e-mail, the day of the event.

**A form for each person must be completed. An online version was included in registration.**



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As a participant of the Snoozeum at the Museum of Science and Industry, I hereby agree that:

- I will follow all posted signage, instructions of Museum staff (including the security officers), the Visitor Policies at [msichicago.org/visit/visitor-policies](https://www.msichicago.org/visit/visitor-policies), and the COVID-19 health and safety protocols at <https://www.msichicago.org/visit/know-before-you-go/> during my participation in the Snoozeum. I understand that Museum has the right to establish and modify from time to time the standards of health and safety and conduct for all participants in the Snoozeum, and to require participants to follow such standards as a condition for continued participation in the Snoozeum. I understand that I may be asked to leave the Snoozeum without a refund regardless of the time if I do not follow the Museum's health and safety and conduct standards for the Snoozeum.
- I assume full responsibility for any risk of loss, damage, death, or injury sustained or caused by me. To the extent permitted by law, I agree to release, waive, and hold harmless the Museum and its agents, employees, and volunteers from all liability for personal injury, death, damage, or loss arising from my participation in the Snoozeum, including from COVID-19. I acknowledge that the Museum is not responsible for any theft, loss, or damage of any personal property. In the event of an injury, illness, and/or accident, I hereby give my consent for and permission to Museum staff to render first aid and/or obtain emergency medical treatment.
- I hereby give the Museum and its agents permission to photograph and otherwise make recordings of me (audio and still or moving images) of me ("Recordings") and to use and reproduce my name, image, likeness, voice, and any information provided by me for any Museum purposes including, but not limited to, exhibitions, programming, marketing, publicity, and fundraising, in all media formats (now known or later developed) including Museum's website, social media, and newsletters. I waive any right to inspect or approve the Recordings and acknowledge that the Museum owns all rights to the Recordings. I understand this permission is permanent, and I will make no monetary or other claims or demands against the Museum and its agents, including for damages or expenses (including attorney's fees), for the use of the Recordings, or otherwise in connection with these permissions.

**I have read this Release and fully understand its contents. In consideration of my participation in the Snoozeum, I agree to the terms and conditions contained in the Snoozeum Participant Guide and this Release. By signing below, I indicate my consent to this Release. This Release shall be governed by Illinois law.**

Check one:  Adult  Child/youth (under 18)

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NAME OF LEADER & GROUP (AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR TICKET)

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PARTICIPANT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

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DATE

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PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (if participant is under 18 years)