



Overnight Information Brochure

Imagine roaming through The Williamson Museum at night, enjoying the sights and sounds of the old bank building after everyone else has left for the day. Listen to tales from the early days as you tour the galleries by flashlight. Get up close and personal with Museum artifacts before bunking down for a comfy night among the exhibits. Greet the new day with a smile and a light breakfast. What a way to camp out!

Attendance Requirements

Museum Overnights are open to students in grades 1 – 5 and their adult chaperones. One adult over the age of 21 is required for every five children. A minimum of 10 and maximum of 15 visitors is required for each overnight.

Cost

The cost of participating is \$35.00 per person, including chaperones and adults.

Available Dates

Museum overnights are available for the following dates:

- March 7, 2009
- April 11, 2009
- Other dates may be available upon request.

Registration

Visit our website at www.williamsonmuseum.org and click on “Education” for *Overnight Registration Form*. Or, you may contact Mickie Ross at mross@williamsonmuseum.org or 512-943-1670 for more information.

Deposit/Payment Information

A deposit of \$10 per person is due upon registering for an overnight. Payments may be made via check or credit card. Final payment must be made one week before the scheduled overnight

Refund/Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be made one week prior to the date of the overnight to receive a full refund. Cancellations made less than one week before the program will not be given a

refund. The Williamson Museum reserves the right to cancel an overnight if the minimum number of 10 participants is not met two weeks prior to the date of the program. In this event, all deposits will be returned.

Waiver of Release and Liability Agreement

Every overnight participant must submit a signed copy of the Waiver of Release and Liability Agreement to The Williamson Museum by check-in on the date of the overnight. Forms are available on the website and may be mailed or delivered to the Museum in advance.

Check-In Information

Participants must check in at the Museum between 6:00 and 6:30 pm. Parking is available on Austin Avenue in front of the Museum or around the corner on 8th Street. The two-hour parking restriction will not affect the scheduled hours of the overnight program.

What to Bring

- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Washcloth or hand towel
- Comfortable clothing for sleeping
- Camera, if desired

Cell phones are allowed but please set to vibrate mode and limit calls to provide as little distraction as possible. The Museum phone is available at all times for any emergencies.

What NOT to bring

- Outside food or drink
- Hand-held video games or electrical devices
- Chewing gum or candy
- MP3 players, radios or CD players
- Laptops
- Toys and games

Any unnecessary items brought into the Museum will be removed and held in a secure location and returned at the conclusion of the overnight.

Sleeping Accommodations

All overnight visitors sleep on the carpeted area of the exhibit floor. The sleeping areas are pre-assigned, and a sleep map will be distributed to the chaperones at check in. Visitors' belongings will be placed in a secure area upon arrival and returned at bedtime, as the space on the exhibit floor is limited.

Tentative Schedule

6:00 – 6:30 – Check-in and Museum Activity

6:30 – 6:45 – Welcome Activity and Orientation

6:45 – Program begins (Flashlight Tour, craft, Artifact Station, game)

8:30 – Movie/snack

10:30 – Prepare for bed, Story Time

11:00 – Lights out

7:00 – Wake-up call

8:00 – Breakfast

8:30 – Head for home!

Snack and Breakfast

Overnight guests should eat dinner before arriving for the program. A snack of fruit, popcorn, and juice will be provided around 8:30 during the movie. A continental breakfast including fruit, muffins, bagels and juice will be served at 7:30 in the morning. No outside food or drink will be allowed, but please make the Museum staff aware of any food allergies or specific dietary needs.

Rules

1. Have fun!
2. Food and drinks may not be brought into the exhibit areas.
3. Running in the Museum is not allowed.
4. Stay in the Museum at all times.
5. Only touch the artifacts with Museum employees' permission.

Security and Emergencies

The Williamson Museum staff member will be on site for the duration of the overnight should any emergency arise. The Museum phone number is 512-943-1670 in the event that it is necessary to contact the Museum during the overnight. The building will be secured once all of the guests have been checked in and no one will be allowed to enter or leave the premises until the designated end-time, except in the case of an emergency.