

**Night at the Museum**

**Sleepovers at the California Academy of Sciences**

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Ever since the blockbuster reopening of the Academy, you've been itching to take the family. But long lines, crowds, and the steep price of admission have kept you away.

Penguins + Pajamas, the California Academy of Sciences's new sleepover program, is about to change that.

Junior explorers (ages 6 and up) and their parents are

invited to take over the place VIP style. On select nights from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m., it's all yours for the ogling: the subterranean aquarium, spiraling rain forest, ground-breaking living roof, and awe-inspiring planetarium show. Adrenalin flows (way past bedtime, we might add) as they take it all in, pausing for a staff-conducted snake demo and a bedtime story starring the Academy's own Pierre the penguin.

Best part: Guests bed down in the habitat of their choosing (aquarium, African hall, or lower swamp). Sleeping bags, air mattresses (inflators provided), and animal companions (genus: *stuffed*) abound.

*California Academy of Sciences, 55 Music Concourse Drive (415-379-8000 or [calacademy.org](http://calacademy.org)). Tickets for July 16 and August 13 available [online](#); \$99 for members; \$119 for nonmembers.*