

Nightwatch FAQS: Frequently Asked Questions

What time is check in?

Check in is from 6:30-7:00 p.m. on Friday evening. Your group should eat dinner before you arrive.

Is there parking?

Limited parking is available on the Cathedral grounds. Please notify the Nightwatch office one week prior to arrival as to how many vehicles you'll be bringing by emailing nightwatch@stjohndivine.org.

Where do we check in?

Whether you are coming by car, cab, or foot, you will enter the grounds of the Cathedral from Amsterdam Avenue between 111th and 112th Street. Heading east, you'll come to a security guard booth. Please let the guard know you are part of Nightwatch. You will be shown where to enter the Cathedral's undercroft for check-in.

What if we arrive late?

Please call 212-972-7301 and leave a message as to your ETA.

What should we bring?

Everyone must bring a sleeping bag and a pillow. Nightwatch will provide foam mattresses for all participants. You may bring an air mattress if it would make you more comfortable. Other items to bring are sneakers (for the gym floor), toiletries, washcloth and towel, flashlights, power strips for your group to charge phones and comfortable sleeping clothes.

What types of food will be served at the sleepover?

Nightwatch Crossroads will provide evening snacks that include fresh fruit, granola bars, chips and hot tea. Breakfast will include fresh fruit, muffins, bagels, cream cheese and jelly, coffee, tea, and juice. Gluten-free options are not always available, so please plan ahead and bring food for those members of your group with dietary concerns.

Can we bring our own food and beverages into the Cathedral?

Unless there are dietary concerns, it will not be necessary to bring in outside food.

Where do we sleep?

Participants will sleep in the undercroft of the Cathedral. There are two gymnasiums.

Are there showers available?

There are no showers available. Men's and Women's bathrooms with toilets and sinks are located on the main floor of the Cathedral and in the Undercroft.

What is the cost? Is it the same for students and chaperones?

The cost of Nightwatch is \$150 for all individual participants. We offer a discount for groups of 15 or more. Financial aid is also available for individuals and groups thanks to the generosity of St. Peter's Fund for Special Ministry. Please call 212-972-7301 for information about group discounts and financial aid.

Can we increase the number of participants in our group?

Space is limited for Nightwatch. If you want to increase your group size, please visit us online at stjohndivine.org/spiritual/nightwatch and follow reservation instructions. Places are provided strictly on a first-come, first-served basis.

What if someone cancels in our group?

All sales are final. If you must cancel or change your reservation, please call 212-972-7391. Cancellations with less than one week's notice will incur a \$30 per ticket fee. There are no refunds, but we will try to accommodate you at the next available Nightwatch date.

Are the exhibits and programs wheelchair accessible?

Activities in the Cathedral are fully wheelchair accessible. Activities in the undercroft are not wheelchair accessible. If you or anyone in your group is in need of wheelchair accessibility, please call the Nightwatch office at 212-972-7301 prior to making your reservation.

How many chaperones are required to participate with a group?

You know your youth. Please provide chaperones as needed. We have no recommended requirements, but we do ask that all chaperones fully participate in the programming and keep a close eye on their youth to ensure appropriate and mindful behavior at all times.

How old must a chaperone be?

A chaperone must be at least 21 years of age.

When do I receive confirmation for Nightwatch?

You will receive confirmation following registration from our online ticketing agency, RocketRez. Two weeks prior to your scheduled overnight, Nightwatch will email a welcome letter and information packet to your contact person. Included in the welcome packet will be a request for names of your participants, a signed

release form, and parking needs. Please respond to our request for information as quickly as possible so we can make the necessary arrangements for your group.

Does Nightwatch offer a Saturday night option for groups wishing to stay a second night?

Nightwatch does not offer a second night option. However, if you would like to stay the weekend, we are referring groups to our neighboring youth hostel located 7 blocks from the Cathedral at 103rd Street and Amsterdam Avenue. For information about accommodations, go Hostel International New York at www.hinewyork.org/.

Is there a place to store our sleeping equipment before and after the overnight?

There is no place to store your belongings in the Cathedral before or after the overnight.

Can we visit the Cathedral the next day?

Yes, the Cathedral is open to the public from 9:30am-5:00pm on Saturdays. If your group is interested in a tour of the Cathedral by one of its educators please call (212) 316-7540 to make arrangements at least one week in advance.