

Writer overnighter



About Writer Overnighter

Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris St, Ultimo
6pm Friday 20 May until Saturday 8am 21 May 2011

Stay overnight inside the Museum! This exclusive event will feature bestselling author Morris Gleitzman, telling stories and reading from his books. Discover his invisible ink trail, armed with your own blacklight torch! Bring your sleeping bag and pillow for a night of fascinating tales, perfect for aspiring writers.

Perfect for children aged 5–12 years and accompanying adults. Children must be accompanied by an adult, with a maximum of 4 children per adult.

Your ticket includes dinner, a sweet treat and breakfast, as well as all activities. You should bring a sleeping bag, pillows and sheets (airbeds are welcome as we'll be sleeping on the carpeted floor of the Museum).

Bookings are essential at play.powerhousemuseum.com

When does Writer Overnighter start and finish?

The sleepover begins with registration from 6pm – 6.15pm on Friday 20 May 2011 and ends at 8am the next morning (Saturday 21 May 2011).

Where can we park?

Onsite parking is not available for this event. We recommend that you are dropped off at the Museum or catch public transport (read our how to get here guide at www.powerhousemuseum.com/visit/howtogether.php). Information about overnight parking at the Entertainment Centre Carpark will be e-mailed to you prior to the event.

As the Museum's main doors will be closed when you arrive, proceed to the security gatehouse located on the side street adjacent to the Museum (Macarthur St East), where you will be met by a Museum representative.

How do we check in?

The Museum representative will direct you into the Museum, and check you in with your bag and sleepover equipment.

What should we bring?

Everyone must bring a torch, sleeping bag and pillow. You'll be sleeping on the (carpeted) floor of the gallery, so you may also want to bring a foam mat or inflatable mattress. Don't forget your toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloth, and comfortable sleeping clothes (please come dressed ready to sleep). You can bring snacks but there

is no eating inside the galleries. Do not bring any valuables or electronic equipment such as MP3 players or Nintendo DS.

What types of food will be served at the sleepover?

You'll enjoy a buffet for dinner (includes vegetarian options), with delicious Liquid Nitrogen ice-cream for dessert. Cereal as well as egg and bacon rolls will be provided for breakfast. Please let us know if you have a food allergy or dietary requirements.

A tea and coffee station will be available for adults. This is an alcohol-free event, and food cannot be consumed inside the galleries.

Where will we sleep?

You'll sleep underneath the planes and satellites in the galleries on level 1 of the Museum! This includes the Turbine Hall and the Transport and Space galleries.

Can we increase the number of participants in our group?

Places are strictly limited for this popular event, and all tickets are available for purchase online at play.powerhousemuseum.com. If you'd like to add additional tickets to your group, please check for tickets online. If the event is sold out we cannot add additional participants to your group.

What happens if we need to cancel our booking?

Refunds for cancellations will be made at the Museum's discretion prior to Wednesday 18 May 2011. After this date refunds will not be issued. Bookings however can be transferred. The Museum follows the 'Code of Practice for Event Ticketing in Australia'.

How much of the Museum will be open?

Writer Overnighter will take place in a variety of locations in the Museum, but not all galleries will be open. Museum representatives will direct you on the night.

How many people can attend Writer Overnighter?

Up to 150 participants.

What if someone gets sick during the sleepover?

Notify a Museum representative if anyone in your group gets sick or hurt.

Can we leave early from the sleepover?

Yes, you may leave early if needed. Please alert a Museum representative before leaving.

How many adults are required to participate with a group?

Each group will be required to maintain a ratio of one adult (aged 18 years or over) per four child participants.

Where do we change into our sleeping clothes?

Toilet facilities will be available, but as changing space is limited it is preferred if you wear clothes that you can sleep in, such as a tracksuit.

Are there showers?

Shower facilities are not available for the sleepover.

How old do children need to be to participate in the Museum sleepover?

Children must be between the ages of 5 and 12 years old.

Can I bring children younger than 5 years old to the program?

We would recommend you not to bring children younger than 5 years old to the sleepover. This has very little to do with learning or behaviour, and much more to do with stamina and maturity. The Museum is also a very unusual place to sleep and younger children can be easily scared of such unusual surroundings in the dark.

That being said, if you are coming as a family and have older children who would like to attend and you need to bring a younger tag-along, we can make an exception.

Can adults attend Writer Overnighter without children?

No. Writer overnighter is a program for 5–12 year olds and their accompanying adults.

Is there a place to store our sleeping equipment before the sleepover?

All sleeping equipment will be stored in the Turbine Hall upon check-in. As equipment is unsupervised do not leave any valuables. All sleeping equipment must be removed from the Museum by 7.30am.

Are adults permitted to smoke?

For security reasons external doors to the Museum will be locked. Smoking will therefore be unavailable for the duration of the sleepover.

Will photography happen at the event?

Yes, a Museum photographer will be present at the event and you will be required to sign a release form. Please let Museum representative or the photographer know if you or your child would prefer not to be photographed.

Will I have to sign any other forms?

Yes. A form requesting emergency contact details will be e-mailed to you prior to the event. Please print and fill out this form and bring it along with you. This form is especially important if you are bringing along children who are not your own.

What is the code of conduct?

We have a code of conduct to ensure that everyone at Writer Overnighter has an enjoyable experience.

- One adult is required for every four children, and must stay with them at all times.
- Accompanying adults are responsible for the behaviour of their group throughout their stay.
- Children are not permitted to play outside the designated areas and are expected to be respectful to others.
- Please do not touch or place anything on the objects or cases.
- No bullying or harassment of other participants will be tolerated
- Please do not run or yell while in the Museum.
- No food or drink is allowed in the galleries
- Please do not go to floors or galleries that are off-limits during the Sleepover; follow your schedule.
- After Lights Out accompanying adults are responsible for keeping their children in their designated sleep area.
- All MP3 players, electronic games or devices should be turned off after Lights Out. Mobile phones should be put on silent.
- No alcohol is to be brought on the premises during Sleepovers
- Pathways in designated sleeping area must be kept clear

If the code of conduct is breached the offending participant/s and their carer will be given two warnings. On the third warning the participant/s will be asked to leave.

Schedule

6.00pm	Arrival and registration (via gatehouse)
6.15pm	Blacklight Reveal Tour (Museum)
7.00pm	Welcome (Coles Theatre)
7.15pm	Dinner (Powerhouse Learning Centre)
8.15pm	Meet Morris Gleitzman plus activity (Coles Theatre)
9.15pm	Liquid Nitrogen icecream (Coles Theatre)
9.30pm	Movie (Coles Theatre)
11.00pm	Bedtime (Level 1 Galleries)
11.30pm	Lights Out

Early Risers	Writing-themed activities (Powerhouse Learning Centre)
7.00am	BBQ breakfast or cereal (Courtyard Cafe)
8.00am	Event concludes (exit via Gatehouse)

Please note schedule is subject to change without notice.

Who is the Museum contact for Writer Overnighter?

The best contact is Michael Van Tiel, Producer (Mascot & Holiday programs), Phone: (02) 9217 0314, Email: michaelv@phm.gov.au

Information is correct as of 1 April 2011. Updated information will be sent by e-mail to participants prior to the event.

About Morris Gleitzman

Morris Gleitzman's books are published in more than 20 countries. You may have read one of them. He's written 27.

Your school library will have some such as *Two Weeks with the Queen*, *The Other Facts of Life*, *Toad Rage*, *Bumface*, *Girl Underground*, *Give Peas a Chance* and *Now*.

Morris fell in love with writing books after he wrote his first book. He discovered that for him, telling stories involved filling blank pages in more ways than one. He finds out about himself when he writes about people in his books.

Morris has visited many museums, but few as fascinating as the Powerhouse. As he wanders through the place, he hears the voices of the people behind the objects. Imaginary people who might have made the objects, wanted them, resented them, lost them, worked with them, been scared of them, cleaned them, stolen them, lived next door to them, or had their lives changed by them. This fascination led Morris produce the *Reveal Trail* at the Museum.



Morris Gleitzman in front of the Strasburg clock, Powerhouse Museum.