

2024 PARTICIPANT PACKET



SLEEP OUT: EXECUTIVE EDITION

Thank you for joining us November 21st to sleep outside so our youth don't have to!

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Sleep Out Participant Info Sessions

We encourage you to join one of our virtual info sessions on Zoom. See below for the following dates including direct links to the session:

[Monday, November 18th at 11:00 AM](#)

[Monday, November 18th at 6:00 PM](#)

[Wednesday, November 20th at 11:00 AM](#)

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Event Details

When:

Event Check-In 6:30 PM – 7:15 PM

Program begins at 7:15 PM

Where:

DC Wharf, Boardwalk Bar & Arcade

715 Wharf St. SW, Washington, DC 20024

Schedule of Events:

- 6:30 pm Check-In
- 7:15 pm Candlelight Vigil
- 7:45 pm Sleep Out Overview & Remarks
- 8:00 pm Dinner
- 8:30 pm Youth Panel
- 9:00 pm Additional Remarks and Team Roll Call
- 9:50 pm Distribution of Sleeping Bags
- 10:15 pm Sleep Out begins
- 5:00 am Sleeper Reflections and Breakfast
- 6:00 am Sleep Out Ends

Directions, Transportation & Parking

DC Wharf, Recreation Pier

[Click here for directions](#)

If you are traveling by car, please allow ample travel time to your destination at 715 Wharf St. SW, Washington, DC 20024.

5-minute walk from Waterfront Metro: From the metro, head south on 4th St SW toward M St SW. Turn right onto M St SW. Continue onto Maine Ave SW. Turn left onto 7th St SW. Stay on 7th St SW.

10-minute walk from L'Enfant Plaza Metro: Head south on 7th St SW, stay on 7th St SW.

Parking

Please note that parking at the DC Wharf is extremely limited. There is a garage, but it costs \$60 overnight so we do not recommend it. **We highly suggest using public transportation and/or rideshare services, such as Uber.**

If you choose to park, we suggest parking garage number 1 on Water Street (by Starbucks)

What We Provide vs. What You Bring

Covenant House Greater Washington Will Provide:

- Sleeping Bags (We recommend bringing your own)
- Cardboard and garbage bag for insulation
- Dinner
- Restroom facilities
- Hand warmers

What You Can Bring:

- Warm clothing. For all sleepers, we recommend dressing in layers and extra socks; bring a knit hat and hand/foot warmers.
- Personal medication and toiletries in a small overnight bag

What You Should NOT Bring:

- Food, unless necessary for personal or medical reasons. Dinner will be served after the youth panel discussion.
- Alcoholic beverages. Alcohol is strictly prohibited!
- Extra bedding. Please, no airbeds or luxury bedding items allowed. Sleep Out is an opportunity to sleep uncomfortably for one night as many youth must endure on a daily basis.
- Valuables: We will not provide any secure storage for your belongings. We recommend that you limit the amount of valuables (electronics, jewelry, money, etc.) for your own peace of mind. Covenant House Greater Washington will not be responsible for any lost item

Weather

Life on the street is tough, especially for homeless youth. As you sleep out in solidarity with them, we promise in return an inspirational and safe experience while you are with us. The event will take place rain, snow, or shine!

Sleep Out Forecast

Given the unpredictability of the weather, we suggest you check the forecast before you head out!

Currently, the extended forecast is projecting cloudy skies with a high temperature of 62 degrees and a low of 48 degrees.

THURSDAY NIGHT

48°

Event Security

While we do not anticipate any security threats during the event, we want you to know that you will be safe while with us. To ensure the safety and security of our sleep out participants, the Wharf Association security will be patrolling the site, and we have a private security firm on site all night.

For emergencies, call 911

For other concerns during the event, contact any of the following

Marlena Tracy (301) 741-8292

Emma Williams (301) 646-6856

Keaira Kittrell (202) 699-6015

Communications

We understand that you have family and loved ones at home who may wish to hear from you before “lights out.” You are welcome to reach out to them anytime using your personal mobile devices.

Social Media

We encourage you to tweet and post photos on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram throughout the event!

- Use the hashtags **#SleepOut** , **#CovenantHouseGW** , and **#EndYouthHomelessness**
- Don’t forget to “LIKE” or “FOLLOW” us on Facebook and Instagram!
- **BE SURE** to tag Covenant House Greater Washington in your photos and we will share it on our page as well!

You can find us online at:

WEBSITE: <https://www.covenanthousegw.org/>

INSTAGRAM: <https://www.instagram.com/covenanthousegw/>

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/CovenantHouseGW/>

From Covenant House Greater Washington

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From YOU!

We also encourage you to send a personal “thank you” to your donors as well. After all, if it weren’t for your participation, your friends and family would not have been so generous!

We know that you are incredibly busy, and we want to make acknowledging your donors as easy as possible. You can send thank you messages directly from your webpage participant center on your online Sleep Out page!

