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### **Thank you for your interest in our Full Moon Hikes for groups.**

Please remember that this is a moderately strenuous hike to appreciate the beauty of the arboretum at night and is not a guided tour of the arboretum collections. **The group will hike approximately five miles at a brisk pace over hilly and uneven terrain for two hours with minimal stops.** Please be sure that your group is comfortable with this level of activity. If you have any questions, please call us at 202-245-4521 and we will provide more details.

To make your experience more enjoyable, please note the following guidelines and share them with all of the group members:

- **Entrance will be through the R Street gate only** (off Bladensburg Road). Free parking is available just inside the gate.
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the hike. The group will leave the building promptly at the start time. The arboretum gate will be locked at the hike start time and no one will be allowed to enter after the program has started. The arboretum gates are locked daily at 5:00 p.m. and will reopen to hikers 30 minutes prior to the start of the hike. **(Hike start times vary, so please check your time)**
- **Please make sure that everyone in the group receives this information.** This will help them to be better prepared to enjoy the hike.
- Flashlights adapted for night vision will be carried by the guide and volunteers only. The guide will ask the group to keep talking to a minimum to enhance the experience.
- We recommend that you wear sturdy walking shoes and dress appropriately for the weather forecast. Sorry, no pets or children under 16 allowed.

### **Weather and Cancellations**

Hikes will be held in all types of weather including light rain or snow. If the arboretum cancels the hike due to inclement weather, you will be contacted by phone or email on the afternoon of the hike. The rain date for group hikes is the following night. If another rain date is needed, it will be the night following the first rain date. If the hike is cancelled on both rain dates, a refund will be provided. For more information, please call (202) 245-4521.

**US National Arboretum Refund Policy:** A full refund will be provided for cancellations received no later than 10 days prior to the program date and for events canceled by the U.S. National Arboretum. Pursuant to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, the U.S. National Arboretum is required to obtain a Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number when writing a check, including refund checks. We do not reschedule missed programs.



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