

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Where will camp be held?

The camp sessions will be held at the New Mexico Museum of Space History located at 3198 State Route 2001, Alamogordo.

## When are the camp sessions?

Camp will be held the following weeks on Monday – Thursday 9 am – 4 pm and Friday, 9 am – noon. Camp graduation ceremony will be held each Friday.

The camp fee is \$250/week.

- July 7 -11, 2025
- July 14 -18, 2025
- July 21 – 25, 2025

## Cadet drop-off times:

Monday – Wednesday, and Friday: 8:00 am – 9:00 am. Camp starts at 9:00 am

Drop off location: Main museum patio. Park in the large upper parking lot and walk your child up the stairs to the patio. You must sign your child in every morning.

Thursday (field trip day): 7:15 am-7:45 am. Coaches leave promptly at 8:00 am

Drop off location: upper parking lot

## Cadet pick-up times:

Monday – Wednesday: 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm Camp ends at 4:00 pm.

Thursday (field trip day): 4:00 pm

Pick up location: Monday – Thursday: Tombaugh Theater Building. Park in the large lot above the theater. You must sign your child out every afternoon.

Friday (graduation day): Noon, Tombaugh Theater Building

\*Graduation starts at 11:00 am.

## How can I register my child?

Online registration is available at [www.spacehalloffame.org](http://www.spacehalloffame.org)

**What ages can attend camp?**

Each week there will be two camp sessions. The Galactic Explorers are for those cadets entering 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. The Galactic Challengers are for those cadets who are entering 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades.

**What will my child learn in camp?**

The summer camp program is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) based.

Galactic Explorers (grades 3-5) will be exploring all things that they would need for a mission to outer space. Explorers will design a mission patch, build a planetary rover and a lunar lander, and design a space suit. Each day cadets will explore a floor of the Space Museum and learn about space history.

Galactic Challengers (grades 6-8) will focus on teamwork, critical thinking, and problem solving to help them survive on other planets. Challengers will learn about growing plants in hostile environments, build a space elevator to get them back and forth to the planet, learn about aerodynamics, and build a communications satellite.

**Will there be a field trip?**

Yes, all cadets will participate in a field trip to Spaceport America and the Virgin Galactic Gateway to Space near Truth or Consequences, NM. Motorcoaches will provide transportation. Restrooms will be available on board. Lunch will be provided.

**Can parents join the fieldtrip?**

Yes, a limited number of parents will be able to board the coaches for an additional fee. No private vehicles will be allowed for Spaceport security reasons. Parents will need to provide information for Spaceport security, including but not limited to a valid state driver's license, proof of citizenship if required, and potentially other information.

**What should my camper wear?**

Required dress for camp activities will include a camp t-shirt (provided), nametag (provided), shorts or long pants, and sneakers (no open toed shoes or flip flops). Additional t-shirts can be purchased at the museum gift shop.

### **Will meals be provided?**

Lunch will be provided for all cadets through a partnership with the Alamogordo Public Schools. At registration, cadets can opt out of the lunch program due to food allergies and/or dietary restrictions. Lunch will be provided on the field trip day. If you opted your cadet out of the lunch program, you will need to provide a packed lunch for that day.

### **Can my cadet bring a cell phone to camp?**

If a cadet brings a cell phone to camp, the phone should be stored in the cadet's backpack or pocket. Phones can be checked at lunch and the end of the day.

### **Are there medical facilities nearby?**

Christus Health Medical Center is within one mile of the Museum.

### **What if I need to cancel my camp?**

\*Tuition refunds will only be made to those tuition payments made with cash, check, or credit cards. No scholarship tuitions will be refunded.

- 80% refund will be issued for cancellations received four weeks prior to the camp start date.\*
- 50% refund will be issued for cancellations received three weeks prior to the camp start date.\*
- Tuition is forfeited for cancellations received two weeks or less prior to the session start date.\*
- Written requests are required for cancellations due to military PCS orders. Upon receipt of this information, NM Space Academy will issue a full refund.\*
- No refunds will be granted if your cadet is expelled due to disciplinary actions or leaves camp voluntarily.\*

### **Can I transfer my session?**

Yes, camp sessions may be transferred. All transfer requests must be received no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled start date. Transfer requests are subject to availability.

### **When is camp graduation?**

Camp graduation will be held each Friday at 11 am in the Theater building. A pizza lunch will be served on Friday.

NOTE: We reserve the right to cancel a camp session if participation numbers are inadequate. You may select an alternative date or you may request a full refund of tuition paid should a cancellation occur.

If you have any questions, please email: [info@spacehalloffame.org](mailto:info@spacehalloffame.org)

**Who is operating summer camp?**

This is a joint project between the New Mexico Museum of Space History and the International Space Hall of Fame Foundation. Significant financial support was provided by the Sacramento Mountains Foundation, Alamogordo Rotary Foundation, and Christus Health. Other sponsors include Specialty Plumbing and Mechanical, Zuni Electric, Aspen Accounting and Tax Services.