



Thank you for enrolling your child in **CAMP KSC 2009**, headquartered at the *U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame*. Our Instructor Team has planned an exciting line-up of activities and events for your child. They are designed to promote communication and teamwork among campers and highlight the amazing accomplishments and future plans of KSC and NASA. We are excited to have your child join us.

This notice confirms your reservation for:

Your Camper: _____

Camp Session: _____

Reservation Number: _____

Please take a few minutes to read this information and fill out the included forms. Enclosed you will find:

- Important Parent Information
- Program Description & Objectives
- Medical Release/Consent to Photograph
- Driving Directions

If you have any additional questions regarding your reservation or payment, please contact the sales office at (321) 449-4400.

If you have questions regarding the program content, learning objectives or special needs, please feel free to contact the education department directly by calling (321) 455-7036 or e-mail Kerri Lubeski, Camp Duty Manager, at campKSC@dncinc.com

We look forward to offering your child a safe, educational, and exciting week of space exploration activities.

Sincerely,
THE CAMP KSC TEAM

2009 Important Parent Information

Thank you for your interest in Camp KSC 2009. We hope the following will answer any questions you have about this summer's offerings.

Camp Hours and Location:

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame
6225 Vector Space Boulevard Titusville, FL 32780
Education Department (321) 455-7036
Camp KSC cell phone number. **321-591-7240**

Dates

Spring Camp KSC March 30-April 3, and April 6-10

Summer

June 15-19	June 22-26	June 23-27	June 29-July 3	July 6-10
July 13-17	July 20-24	July 27- 31	August 3-7	August 10-14

Orientation/Registration: Two one hour sessions are offered on the Sunday afternoon before your registered week of camp from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The orientation is located at the Astronaut Hall of Fame. Please follow Camp KSC directional signs to the education floor. Camp KSC staff will give parents a brief orientation and tour of Camp KSC facilities. Parents also have the opportunity to register their campers at this time.

Note: Orientation and tour will not be available during late Monday morning registration

Drop-Off: Drop-off is open Monday – Friday at 8:45 a.m. at the Astronaut Hall of Fame parking lot pavilion. Please follow the directional signs to **Camp KSC**. In order for camp staff to expedite drop-off, please display the Camper Pick-Up Placard in the front window of your vehicle. * Early drop-off is available at the Astronaut Hall of Fame starting at 7:30 a.m. (Monday – Friday only).

Pick-Up: Camper pick-up begins at 4:00 p.m. and ends at 4:45 p.m. at the Astronaut Hall of Fame parking lot pavilion Monday - Thursday. A Camper Pick-Up Placard must be presented during pick-up. Please display the placard in the front window of your vehicle. We ask that parents stay in their vehicles and follow **Camp KSC** directional signs around to the camper loading area.

Security Note: For the safety and security of all campers and families, we will not release campers from **Camp KSC** to an adult unless they are listed on the registration form as "authorized to pick up your child". Please have photo ID available.

Graduation Ceremony: This year we are pleased to announce that **graduation ceremonies for Camp KSC will take place in the Astronaut Encounter Theater at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex.** You will receive limited admission tickets to attend this ceremony..

Early/Late Care Options: This program offers working parents an opportunity to provide their campers early and late supervised activity time prior to and after Camp hours. Please make arrangements for this program during the reservation process.

Early Care 7:30 a.m. Tuesday – Friday: \$5 per day / \$25 per week

Late Care is available until 5:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday: \$5 per day / \$25 per week
Early/Late Care Combo: \$8 per day / \$40 per week

Transportation: A transportation option will be available on select weeks of Camp KSC
Scheduled dates and location will be available after January 2009.

What to Bring: *Imagination and a sense of adventure!* Optional items include a small or disposable camera, sunglasses and rain gear as needed. Campers are responsible for keeping track of their personal belongings during camp. Please make sure your campers' name is on all items brought from home.

What NOT to Bring: Due to heightened security restrictions **NO** backpacks, coolers, or sharp objects are permitted at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex or **Camp KSC**. We ask that campers not bring items of high value to Camp. Personal items such as money, toys, iPods, radios, CD players, electronic games, or other similar items are not permitted.

What to Wear: Campers *must* wear the **Camp KSC** tee shirt each day that camp is in session. One camp tee shirt is included in your camp tuition and will be provided during registration. Additional shirts may be purchased at the Astronaut Hall of Fame Gift Shop. Campers should also dress for a combination of indoor, air-conditioned activities, motion-based simulators, as well as outdoor adventures and games. We recommend shorts or light pants, comfortable tennis shoes or other closed-toed shoes. No crocs, sandals, wheelies, or flip-flops please. You may want to put sunscreen and/or bug spray on your camper based on his/her needs.

Camper Teams:

Your camper will be assigned to a team, based on his/her grade level during the 2009/09 school year. Each team features specially trained instructors and grade-specific activities and missions.

Mercury Team – Campers entering 2nd-3rd grade. Our youngest group of campers may well be the first pioneers to set foot and live on the Martian landscape. These campers have the opportunity to design and test habitats and life support systems for future missions to Mars and beyond.

Gemini Team – Campers entering 4th-5th grade. Working, playing, eating, and exercising, are just some of the activities that future space explorers will find anything but routine as we colonize the Moon and Mars. The Gemini group participates in a host of activities that prepare them to be the next generation of human explorers to leave the confines of Earth's 1g environment.

Apollo Team – Campers entering 6th-7th grade. Like the Apollo program that first set human beings on the moon, our Apollo campers design and test propulsion and guidance systems that mimic those that are proposed for the new Project Constellation program as NASA sets its sights on a return trip to the Moon and then on to Mars.

Discovery Team – Campers entering 8th-9th grade. From the early days of the Mercury program to today's shuttle and space station to the habitats and outposts of the future, NASA engineers are at the forefront of design and construction. The Discovery team examines how NASA know-how influences the designs of today and will take our civilization to places we once only dreamed of. Future Engineers, join us on board Team Discovery.

Robotics Team – Campers entering 6th – 9th grade. Specially designed for campers interested in robotics and computer programming, this special track is offered during select weeks of Camp KSC. No previous computer or robotics experience is necessary to sign up for this program. Campers who choose to participate in this program will:

- Form teams to design a working robot, using the Lego Mindstorms system. (supplies provided)
- Witness robotics demonstrations.
- Meet and talk to robotic programmers and engineers.
- Learn details behind NASA’s robotic exploration programs.
- Use their robotics knowledge gained during Camp KSC to work in teams and compete in Friday’s “Robotics Challenge”.

Note: *. Please inform the sales associate if you are interested in enrolling your camper in this program as space is limited. The Robotics track is offered on the following weeks two -10:

Students with special needs:

Camp KSC is for ALL kids interested in space exploration. We are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodation. Please contact us to discuss any concerns you have about accessibility.

Gift Shop: Campers and family members are welcome to visit the gift shops and receive a 10% discount. Please present proof of Camp KSC participation prior to the retail transaction.

Refund/Rescheduling Policy: Every effort is made to accommodate families when they need to reschedule or cancel; however, a \$50 fee will be charged if a rescheduling or cancellation occurs less than 3 working days before camp begins. The deadline for rescheduling/canceling is 5 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to your camp week.

Local contact information: Please provide **Camp KSC** a valid local daytime contact number at registration. This number will be used if the staff needs to contact you during camp hours.

Camp KSC Behavior Policy: **Camp KSC** is an exciting environment where campers are encouraged to work together in teams and cooperative groups, and to share in exciting activities designed to teach about the exploration of space. All Camp KSC participants are expected to follow certain guidelines to ensure a safe, fun and respectful environment. Our Camp KSC Behavior Policy is simple, we expect our campers to:

Have fun, Follow instructions from all Camp staff, and Respect yourself and others.

The **Camp KSC** instructor staff is required to maintain a safe and respectful environment for every camper. If a camper is not following the guidelines above, a series of steps will be taken:

- Step 1 – Verbal reminder & review of Behavior Policy.
- Step 2 – Time-out from an activity.
- Step 3 – Removal from group, phone call to parent, and dismissal for remainder of day.
- Step 4 – Dismissal from Camp.

If a student is dismissed from **Camp KSC**, a refund will not be available. Thank you for your cooperation and support of a safe and respectful camp environment.

Illness or Injury at Camp KSC: The safety of campers is our top priority at Camp KSC however; occasionally an illness or injury may occur while at camp. Any issue requiring basic first aid will be handled by our trained staff. You will be notified at the end of the day if minor first aid was administered. (eg: band-aid, or ice pack) If a more serious issue occurs which may interfere with the camper's ability to participate in camp a phone call will be placed to discuss the camper's options with a parent or guardian.

CAMP KSC Food Service: *CAMP KSC* will provide campers a lunch and a snack daily; prepared by the Visitor Complex catering department. Campers will have access to drinking water at every meal and throughout the program. If your child has special or specific dietary restrictions, please note this on the registration form and confirm it at registration. A vegetarian option will be available and must be requested at orientation. Parents are welcome to send food substitutions if your child cannot eat the items on our menu. There is no refrigeration or microwave oven available at the Astronaut Hall of Fame. Please pack your child's lunch in a soft sided cooler or a paper bag with his/her name on it.

CAMP KSC Instructor Team: Camp KSC is led by specially trained and certified teachers and educators. Our camper-to-staff ratio is 12:1 or better. *Camp KSC* has rigid standards for hiring and training qualified camp instructors. We have established these standards to ensure that each camper enjoys a safe, fun and educational experience. All of our instructors have college degrees or are pursuing degrees in the science and/or education field. Many of our instructors are certified educators. The common thread of our Instructional Team is that they all have experience working with children, enjoy working in the camp environment, and have participated in training to prepare them to lead our program. Every potential instructor must pass an extensive background check, drug screening, and comprehensive interview process prior to employment.

After employment, Instructors receive special training on space program facts and history, simulator safety and operation, proper discipline techniques, and age-specific behavioral characteristics and teaching strategies. In addition, all instructors are CPR, AED, and First Aid certified through the American Red Cross. We encourage parents to meet our Instructor Staff at registration and graduation.

Directions to the Astronaut Hall of Fame

Address: 6225 Vector Space Blvd., Titusville, FL. 32780

Camp KSC Education Phone number (321) 455-7036

- **From Orlando:** Take the Beeline Expressway (also called State Road 528) EAST to 407 North. Take 407 NORTH to 405 EAST. Follow signs to the Kennedy Space Center and the Astronaut Hall of Fame. The Astronaut Hall of Fame is on your Right.

- **From the North:** Take I-95 South to exit #215 and follow the signs to 405 EAST. Follow signs to the Kennedy Space Center and the Astronaut Hall of Fame. The Astronaut Hall of Fame is on your Right.

- **From the South** Take I-95North, to exit #212 and take 407 NORTH to 405 EAST. Follow signs to the Kennedy Space Center and the Astronaut Hall of Fame. The Astronaut Hall of Fame is on your Right.

Please be sure to fill out and sign all forms. Bring forms to orientation or fax to (321) 455-7060

Staff Use Only

Camper # _____

Camp KSC 2009 Medical Release

I/We do hereby give our permission for _____ (“Child”) to attend Camp Kennedy Space Center (CAMP KSC) program during the period: (Dates) _____ to _____ 2009.

I/We, _____, the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the Child further authorize an adult representative of the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex to seek and consent to any and all medical care and hospital treatment deemed necessary for the health and well-being of the Child. I/We also authorize any physician, emergency medical technician or other medical or health care facility (“Medical Provider”) to treat the Child at the request of an adult representative of the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. Any Medical Provider may perform all procedures determined to be medically advisable or necessary to treat the Child or relieve any injuries suffered by the Child. I/We hereby hold harmless and release Delaware North Parks Services of Spaceport, Inc. and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration from and against any and all responsibility or liability for injuries suffered at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex or in connection with the CAMP KSC Program and expenses relating to the treatment of the Child by a Medical Provider, including transportation of the Child to any Medical Provider or home in the event the Child is no longer able to participate in the CAMP KSC Program.

Printed Adult Name: _____

Signed: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Age of child at time of Camp: _____

Date: _____

Medical Release Information:

Are all your campers immunizations up to date: YES / NO

When was the date of your camper’s last tetanus shot: _____

List any medications your child will or may be taking during camp:

List any allergies your child has (medication or environmental):

Local Address: _____

Local Contact Number: _____

*** Cell Phone Number:** _____ *** Preferred method of contact**

Motion-based Simulator Consent Form

Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is proud to include several motion-based space simulators as part of the Camp KSC experience. These simulators, located on the Training Floor of the Astronaut Hall of Fame and at the Visitor Center, are an exciting way for Camp KSC Campers to learn the science of spaceflight and experience components of astronaut training, past and present.

During simulator training, individuals may experience up to three G's or gravitational force, disorientation, or fluid shifts. Persons with cardiac conditions, pulmonary dysfunctions, sensory handicaps or chronic illnesses may not be able to participate fully in the program. While these simulators are extremely fun and rewarding there are some medical conditions our instructors need to be aware of to keep your camper safe during their time at Camp KSC.

Please let us know if any of the following apply to your camper. If any of the boxes below are checked please use the space underneath to explain.

- Inner ear disorders
 - Vertigo
 - Motion sickness
 - Heart problems
 - High blood pressure
 - Head colds (within the last week) or sinus infections
 - Fear of heights
 - Recent broken bones (during the preceding school year)
 - Recent surgery
 - Back injuries
 - Knee or leg injuries
 - Any other issues our instructors should be aware of
- Please explain: _____

The following is a brief description of our motion based simulators

Multi-Axis Trainer (MAT) *Minimum height of 52 inches*** ***Maximum weight of 250 lbs*****

This simulator will simulate a capsule tumbling out of control. Your camper will be strapped into our MAT via 5-point harness to experience the disorientation associated with this tumbling.

1/6th Gravity Chair

This simulator is designed to simulate walking on the moon. Your camper will be raised slightly in a harness so that they are relieved of some of the effects of gravity.

Micro Gravity Wall *Minimum weight of 55 lbs*** ***Maximum weight of 250 lbs*****

The Micro-Gravity Wall simulates the freedom of movement that a spacewalking astronaut has while performing a space walk. This is done by counterbalancing your camper via a weight system to achieve neutral buoyancy.

Trajectory Chair (T-Chair)

The T-Chair will introduce the concept of trajectory to your camper. It will allow them to learn some of the challenges associated with launching a vehicle here at Kennedy Space Center.

Shuttle Launch Experience (SLE) at the Visitor's Center *Minimum height of 48 inches*****

The Shuttle Launch Experience is a realistic simulation of an actual shuttle launch, which includes: extreme shaking, motion/vibrations, loud noise, visual and lighting effects.

I/We _____, the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the child grant permission for our child to participate in the simulator training element of Camp KSC.

Adult's Name: _____

Signed: _____

Staff Use Only

Camper# _____



2009 Consent to Photograph/Media Release

I/We hereby grant Delaware North Parks Services of Spaceport, Inc. and its related companies the right to take, copyright, use, publish, alter and distribute photographs, movies, films, videotapes, audio tapes, and any other recording of the Child. I/We further irrevocably consent to the worldwide use of the Child's name, voice and likeness. I/We understand that such use may include publicity, advertising, promotion or any other lawful purpose, without restrictions or remunerations.

Printed Adult Name: _____

Printed Child's Name: _____

Signed: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Date: _____

Please be sure to fill out and sign all forms. Bring forms to orientation or fax to (321) 455-6903