

CAMP KENNEDY SPACE CENTER®

Summer 2019

Information Kit



Camp Hours and Location:

Monday–Friday, 8:00AM–3:00PM

Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex; Directions on page 12

Education Department

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Check-In Information

Check-In

Check-in takes place at the Astronaut Training Center Experience® (located at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex near the main entrance) **on the Sunday before your registered week of camp, from 10:30am until 3:00pm.** (For example, if you register to attend Camp KSC June 10th-14th, you will come to check-in on Sunday, June 9th.)

- You may attend check-in at any time during these hours.
- You do not need to make an appointment.
- Late check-in will be available Monday morning from 7:00AM until 8:00AM.
 - Please note that there may be long lines for late check-in. **If you have not completed the check-in process before 8:30AM Monday, your camper will miss the first activity.**

You are strongly encouraged to check in on Sunday to ensure that your camper will be able to participate in all Monday morning activities.

If you have a reservation for a transportation week, you are required to come to Camp KSC check-in on the Sunday before your registered week of camp. We will NOT be able to distribute placards and gear from the bus location.

What Takes Place at Camp Kennedy Space Center Check-In:

- Collection of consent forms
- Distribution of placard for daily pick-up, drop-off, and Open House parking
- Distribution of Camp KSC gear (badge, t-shirt and any additional items purchased during online registration)
- Discussion of any medications and/or special instructions for campers
- Opportunity to purchase a Camp KSC photo package

Parking

A single-use parking voucher is attached. Please present it to the attendant at the parking booth when you arrive for check-in to avoid paying a parking fee.

Refund/Rescheduling Policy

Every effort is made to accommodate families when they need to cancel; however, a \$50 fee will be charged if a rescheduling or cancellation occurs less than three (3) business days before camp begins. The deadline for rescheduling/canceling is 5:00PM on the Wednesday prior to your camp week.

Bus Transportation (reservation required)

If you have a transportation reservation, you are required to come to Camp KSC check-in on Sunday. We will not be able to distribute placards and camp gear from the bus location.

June 10-14	Publix Shopping Center, 12231 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL
June 10-14	Holland Elementary, 50 Holland Ct, Satellite Beach, FL
June 24-28	Publix Shopping Center, 12231 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL
June 24-28	Viera Regional Community Center, 2300 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL
July 15-19	Publix Shopping Center, 12231 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL
July 15-19	Holland Elementary, 50 Holland Ct, Satellite Beach, FL
July 22-26	Publix Shopping Center, 12231 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL
July 22-26	Viera Regional Community Center, 2300 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL

Please look for the KSC bus and Camp KSC Educator in the parking lot. Please do not leave your child unattended and do not send open food or drink with your camper on the bus.

Morning Drop-Off:

Please drop your camper(s) off between 7:00-7:15AM.

The KSC bus will depart at 7:30AM promptly to ensure all campers arrive on time.



Afternoon Pick-Up:

The KSC bus leaves the ATX Center at approximately 3:00PM. Depending on traffic to the location, the bus will arrive at approximately 3:45-4:00PM. You will need to show your pick-up placard or a photo ID in order to pick up your camper.

There will be NO transportation on Friday afternoon. Pick up will be at the Open House. Open House starts at 2:00PM

Camp Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Each camper will receive two (2) copies of a numbered placard for drop-off and pick-up. The adult who is picking up the camper must show this placard to Camp KSC staff every time the camper is picked up. If you lose the placard, a photo ID is required. Please note that it will take longer to pick up campers without the placard.

All Camp KSC arrivals and departures are through the ATX Center at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. The ATX entrance is behind the granite fountain to the right of the main gate.

Morning Drop-Off: 8:00 AM – 8:25 AM

All campers must check-in with Education staff at the ATX Center every morning. Please show your placard to the parking attendant to avoid a parking fee. Park your car in any available space and walk up to the ATX Center.

Late arrivals: For the safety and security of our campers, the ATX doors are kept locked during camp hours (8:30AM – 3:00PM). While we will make every effort to accommodate late arrivals we highly discourage arriving late as your camper will miss activities that will not be made up.

Afternoon Pick-Up: Monday–Thursday, 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Please show your placard to the parking attendant to avoid a parking fee. Park your car in any available space and walk up to the ATX lobby. **Bring the placard with you to pick up your child.**

Early release: For the safety and security of our campers, the ATX doors are kept locked during camp hours (8:30AM – 3:00PM). Please call the Education Office at least 24 hours in advance to arrange for someone to escort the camper to the ATX lobby. *Due to operational requirements of Camp KSC we cannot guarantee the ability to release campers at any specific time earlier than 3:00 PM.*

Late Pick-Up: Monday–Thursday, 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Please show your placard to the parking attendant to avoid a parking fee. Park your car and walk up to the ATX lobby. **Bring the placard with you to pick up your child.**

NOTE: Late pick-up is available by advance reservation only. There is an additional fee for this service. Late pick-up is not available on Friday.

Friday Pick-Up/Open House: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Friday pick-up will occur during the Open House at the ATX Center. Doors open at **2:00 PM** and close at **3:00 PM**. Each camper will receive two (2) admission wristbands for family and/or friends to attend the Open House.

Please show your placard to the parking attendant to avoid a parking fee. Park your car and walk up to the ATX lobby wearing your wristband. Wristbands are required for admission to the Open House. Campers will be in designated spots throughout the facility. Education staff will direct you to the appropriate location. **Bring the placard with you to pick up your child.**

Camp KSC Gear

2019 Camp KSC Shirt

Each camper will receive a Camp KSC t-shirt and lanyard with name badge. The badge provides access to a summary of select activities that they complete during the week.

For safety and security reasons, the Camp KSC t-shirt must be worn every day of camp. Campers who would like more than one t-shirt may purchase additional shirts when they make their reservation.



What to Wear

- Camp KSC t-shirt (provided at check-in)
- Clothing for indoor/outdoor activities
- Closed-toed shoes (preferably tennis shoes)

What NOT to Wear

- Skirts or dresses (unless you wear shorts underneath)
- Open-toed shoes, sandals, flip-flops, crocs

What to Bring to Camp

The following optional items are permitted at camp. Please make sure your camper's name is on all items brought from home. Camp KSC is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

- Camera (Cell phones may be used only to take photos. If your child carries a cell phone and it becomes a distraction, we will contact you to make you aware of the situation.)
- Hat (Please label with camper's name.)
- Sunglasses
- Cinch bags, fanny packs and waist packs are permissible
- Water bottle*
- Lunch and snack (if the daily amount or menu choices are not favorable)

Non-perishable items only**

If campers are packing a lunch they **MUST** have the lunch with them when they arrive in the morning. Parents cannot drop lunch off at a later time.

*Campers will have access to water and water fountains throughout the day.

**Campers will not have access to a refrigerator or microwave oven.

What NOT to Bring

The following items are not permitted at camp.

- Sharp objects
- Hard sided coolers
- Money (there will not be any shopping opportunities or vending machines)
- Personal electronics (Cell phones may be used only to take photos.)
- Toys (including Fidget Spinners)
- Back packs with more than two pockets
- Food that requires refrigeration or heating

Things to Know

Items Brought to Camp: Any items (lunch, medication, water bottle, etc) that a camper brings with them to camp must be with them when they arrive each morning. We cannot accommodate items being dropped off at a later time.

Daily Medication: If your camper is required to take medication during camp session hours, please provide the medication in packaging clearly marked with camper name, camper number, medication name and dosage instructions. The camper must carry the medication with them during the day.

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.

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. Our trained staff will handle any issue requiring basic first aid. You will be notified at the end of the day if minor first aid was administered (e.g. Band-Aid or ice pack). If a more serious issue occurs that may interfere with the camper's ability to participate in camp, a staff member will call to discuss the camper's options with a parent or guardian.

Rocket Launches: In the event there is a scheduled rocket launch during Camp KSC, all camp activities for the day will be canceled. We will issue (2) separate wristbands to be used as a limited admission tickets to Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex for the launch day. The

camper will be permitted into the Visitor Complex by wearing their camp t-shirt. We will notify you as soon as possible if there is a confirmed launch attempt that would affect Camp KSC.

Daily Activities

Each team will participate in a variety of grade-appropriate activities including STEM challenges and simulators. See below for a description of these activities.

Teams

Camp Kennedy Space Center® is designed to give campers an age-appropriate experience. For this reason, campers are divided into the following teams:

Pathfinder:	Age (at time of camp) 7-8 years old
Spirit:	Age (at time of camp) 9-10 years old
Opportunity:	Age (at time of camp) 11-12 years old
Curiosity:	Age (at time of camp) 13-14 years old
InSight:	Age (at time of camp) 15-16 years old

Each team is composed of one or more squads, each led by one of our trained Educators. We will make every effort to accommodate requests for campers to be in groups with family/friends but cannot guarantee. We will NOT be able to move a camper out of his/her age appropriate team level.

Activity Descriptions

All campers will participate in five days of activities at different locations throughout Kennedy Space Center. Specific activities will vary based on the camper's team. **Please note: Kennedy Space Center is a working launch facility with many security restrictions - activities may be changed without notice due to launch schedules and daily operations.**

Astronaut Training Experience (ATX)

Campers may train in three areas: Launch Operations, Mars Operations and Microgravity Operations.* For the Launch training, campers will be assigned a position in Mission Control or in the Orion spacecraft. The teams of 12 will be scored on their ability to work together to launch and dock their spacecraft while dealing with one or more emergencies. In the Mars Surface Exploration training area, campers will take turns landing and driving on Mars in full-motion simulators and/or walking on Mars using virtual reality equipment. Throughout these experiences, campers will guide one another through the steps needed to complete different missions. In Microgravity training, campers will strap in to our one-of-a-kind microgravity chairs to experience the sensation of working in a frictionless environment.

**Height/weight restrictions apply. Specific activities vary by team.*

Mars Base 1

Campers will complete a variety of activities on the Red Planet.* In the Base Operations Center, campers will work together to sustain the health and safety of the Base following the crash landing of an uncrewed supply ship. In the Engineering Lab they will program and operate a swarm of robots to clear debris from solar panels, generating power for the base. In our Botany Lab, campers will learn to grow vegetables using indoor gardening techniques.

**Specific activities vary by team.*

Low-Earth Orbit

Campers will explore the many different programs NASA and its partners have created to allow humanity to live and work in the space closest to Earth. To gain a better understanding of NASA's ongoing commitment to both environmental stewardship and global technology, campers will participate in guided interactive explorations, scavenger hunts, STEM challenges, and simulators. Some of the activity areas* include the Rocket Garden, Heroes and Legends featuring the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame®, Journey to Mars: Explorers Wanted, NASA Now, Science on a Sphere®, Shuttle Launch Experience®, and the exhibits in Space Shuttle Atlantis®. Campers will also have the opportunity to meet a veteran astronaut.

**Weather and operations schedules permitting. Specific activities vary by team.*

To the Moon and Beyond

Campers will explore the many different programs NASA and its partners have created to allow humanity to move beyond Earth's gravity into deep space. They will board KSC buses to visit the area surrounding the launch pads, including a stop at the Vehicle Assembly Building (outside areas only).* They will also visit the Apollo/Saturn V Center for shows and activities in the facility.

**Weather and operations schedules permitting. Specific activities vary by team.*

Engineering Design Challenges

Campers will complete several hands-on engineering design challenges appropriate to their grade level. After receiving basic instruction in one or more engineering principles, campers will work in teams to follow the Engineering Design Process (ask, imagine, plan, create, test, improve) to solve each of their assigned challenges. Specific challenges vary from year to year and from team to team.

STEM Challenges

Campers will complete a variety of challenges requiring teamwork and one or more STEM skills (science, technology, engineering, mathematics). Specific challenges vary from year to year and from team to team.

Food Service

Camp Kennedy Space Center will provide campers lunch and a snack prepared daily by the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex Catering Department. **Lunch will be served from 10:45AM - 11:45AM.** Please make sure your camper has breakfast before dropping him/her off. Campers will have access to drinking water at every meal and throughout the program.

If your camper has food allergies or specific dietary restrictions, including vegetarian diet, please note this on the registration forms and confirm at check-in. We are not able to meet special dietary requests other than vegetarian. Parents are strongly advised to provide your own lunch and/or snacks if your child cannot or will not eat the items on our menu.

Please note that there is *no* refrigeration or microwave oven available; do not send items that are perishable or require heating. Please pack your camper's lunch in a soft-sided cooler or a paper bag with his/her name on it.

Due to operational requirements of Camp KSC we cannot accommodate delivery of lunches during the day. Campers who are bringing their own lunch must bring it at time of morning check-in.

Sample Camp KSC Menu - Subject to change

- **MONDAY:**
Hot Dog, whole apple, chips, Gogurt, water & Tang. (Ketchup and mustard available)
Vegetarian option: Vegan hot dog **OR** PB&J Uncrustable®
Snack: Squeezable apple sauce and water.
- **TUESDAY:**
Chicken tenders, macaroni & cheese, orange wedges, Gogurt, water & Tang. (Ketchup and Ranch dressing available)
Vegetarian option: Vegan chicken **OR** PB&J Uncrustable
Snack: Cocoa Berry or Apple Crisp bar and water.
- **WEDNESDAY:**
Pizza slice, sliced apples, Sun Chips, Gogurt, water and Tang.
Vegetarian option: PB&J Uncrustable
Snack: Cinnamon breakfast bar and water.
- **THURSDAY:**
Pasta with marinara, meatballs, garden salad with Ranch, banana, water and Tang.
Vegetarian option: Pasta with marinara (no meatballs) **or** PB&J Uncrustable
Snack: Cheez-Its and water.
- **FRIDAY:**
Hamburger, potato salad, grapes, Gogurt, water and Tang. (Ketchup and mustard available)
Vegetarian option: Vegan burger **or** PB&J Uncrustable
Snack: Pretzels and water

OPEN HOUSE

Friday morning, parents should drop campers off at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex (or bus stop for those with transportation reservations) during regular check-in hours, the same as other days.

Friday afternoon, we will be hosting an open house of the Astronaut Training Experience Center! After picking up your camper, you are welcome to tour the facility, take photos and meet the instructors.

Location of Open House: Astronaut Training Experience (ATX) at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex (near the main entrance.)

Times: 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM (You may arrive and leave at any time during this hour.)

At Sunday registration, each camper will receive two (2) admission wristbands for family and/or friends to attend the Open House. *Please note: Due to facility occupancy capacity, we are not permitted to give out additional wristbands.*

Please park your car and walk to the ATX Center (the same entrance as camp check-in) wearing your wristband. Wristbands are required for admission to the Open House. You will be screened by Security; please do not bring any items on the prohibited list.

Campers will be in designated spots throughout the facility. Education staff will direct you to the appropriate location.

***Please remember to bring your pick-up placard into the building.
You will need to show this placard or a photo ID to exit with your camper!***

When you are finished exploring the ATX center, you will exit through the north lobby, which leads directly into the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. Your wristbands and camp badges act as limited admission tickets, allowing you to see Space Shuttle Atlantis®, Journey to Mars/Explorers Wanted, space films, Heroes and Legends, featuring the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame®, the Rocket Garden, and other exhibits and attractions open until published closing time of the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. You will also have the opportunity to browse for souvenirs in the Space Shop (10% discount for camp families wearing the wristband).

You must be wearing the wristbands for admission; they are not reusable or transferrable.

Education Team

Camp KSC is led by trained and certified teachers and educators. Camp KSC has strict standards for hiring and training qualified camp instructors. Every educator must pass an extensive background check and comprehensive interview process prior to employment.

Our educators receive special training on space program facts and history, simulator safety and operation, proper discipline techniques, and age-specific behavioral characteristics and teaching strategies.

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. Please show common courtesy to fellow Camp KSC participants and our camp staff by not using profanity or engaging in unsafe, illegal, disruptive or offensive behavior, including but not limited to bullying, using disrespectful or offensive language, being disrespectful to others using electronic device(s) other than the purpose of taking photographs. For your safety and the safety of others, please refrain from pushing, running or wandering off.

The Camp KSC education 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 the day*

Step 4 - Dismissal from Camp KSC*

*Please note tuition is NOT refunded if a student is dismissed from Camp KSC for behavior issues.

Thank you for your cooperation and support of a safe and respectful camp environment!

Directions

NEW FOR 2019: You will enter the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex through the main entrance, which is now accessed via Space Commerce Way.

Eastbound: SR 528 (Beachline Expressway) E to SR 407 N to SR 405 E to Space Commerce Way.

Southbound: I95 to Exit 215, to SR 405 E to Space Commerce Way.

Northbound: I95 to Exit 212, SR 407 N to SR 405 E to Space Commerce Way.

Using your GPS, use the city "Orsino," and the state "FL." Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is located just to the west on 405, between Range Road and East Avenue SW. Using GPS coordinates, enter 28°31'34.10"N and 80°40'45.12"W. This will bring you to the intersection of our entrance.

From Cocoa Beach on State Road 528

Travel north on A1A to SR 528 west. Take the SR 3 exit (exit # 49) towards Merritt Island/Kennedy Space Center. Turn right (north) onto SR 3 and continue north for approximately ten miles. Turn left (west) onto Space Commerce Way. Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is located on your right.

From Orlando on State Road 528

Travel east on SR 528 to the SR 407 exit to Kennedy Space Center and Titusville. Take SR 407 until it dead ends into SR 405. Turn right (east) onto SR 405 and follow the signs for Kennedy Space Center. You will travel approximately eight miles on SR 405. Turn right (south) onto Space Commerce Way. Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is located on your left.

From Orlando on State Road 50

Travel east on SR 50 until you pass under the I-95 overpass. At the next intersection, turn right (east) onto SR 405 and follow the signs for Kennedy Space Center. You will travel approximately ten miles on SR 405. Turn right (south) onto Space Commerce Way. Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is located on your left.

From Daytona Beach on Interstate 95

Travel along I-95 to Exit #215 (SR 50). Turn left (east) onto SR 50, then turn right (east) on to SR 405 and follow the signs for Kennedy Space Center. You will travel approximately ten miles on SR 405. Turn right (south) onto Space Commerce Way. Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is located on your left.

From Miami on Interstate 95

Travel along I-95 to Exit #212 (SR 407). Head east/north on SR 407 until it dead ends into SR 405. Turn right (east) on SR 405 and follow the signs for Kennedy Space Center. You will travel approximately eight miles on SR 405. Turn right (south) onto Space Commerce Way. Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is located on your left.



JOIN THE JOURNEY



PARKING VOUCHER

CAMP KENNEDY SPACE CENTER

Please present this to the attendant in the parking booth when you arrive for Camp KSC check-in.

This voucher is valid for one use only, when used to check in for Camp Kennedy Space Center®.

This voucher is valid only on Sunday from 10:00AM - 4:00PM, or Monday before 8:30AM.

NOT VALID BEFORE JUNE 1, 2019.

NOT VALID AFTER JULY 31, 2019.

Issued by Dee Maynard, Manager of Education Programs

ATTENDANT: Please collect this voucher.

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