

Camp Kennedy Space Center®

Summer 2021

Information Kit



Camp Hours and Location:

Monday–Friday, 8:00AM–3:00PM

Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex; Directions on page 12

Education Department

CampKSC@delawarenorth.com

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Completing your Registration (Check-In)

Registration

- Please complete the contact information form via the following link below.
 - [Contact Information Form link](#)
 - This includes your child's name, emergency phone numbers, authorized pick-ups, lunch order and special needs.
 - **The Contact Information Form must be completed at least 2 weeks prior to your first day of camp.** We will use these forms to assign your camper number and prepare your registration package.
- Your Medical Authorization, COVID-19 Waiver and Motion Simulator consent forms must be printed out and brought with you to Check-In.
 - To protect your privacy, we will not accept these forms via email or fax.
 - If you do not have access to a printer, we will have blank copies of the consent forms available outside the Check-In area.
 - Please remember that you will not be admitted into the Check-In area before all of these forms have been completed.

Check-In

- Check-In takes place at the Astronaut Training Experience® (ATX) Center located at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex near the main entrance.
 - **To minimize lines, reservation appointments are required.** You will need to reserve a time slot for check-in. To make your reservation appointment, [Click here for Camp KSC Check-in Registration](#) and select any available time slot for the weekend before your camp starts. Please do not select an available time slot for any weekend other than the weekend prior to the start of your camp. Follow all prompts to complete the reservation.
 - If you are registering more than one camper, only one appointment is necessary.
 - Check-In appointments will be available for the weekend prior to your camp week and on the first day of camp.
 - Saturday from 3:00 – 5:00 pm
 - Sunday from 3:00 – 5:00 pm
 - Monday from 7:00 – 9:00 am
 - Please do not arrive more than 15 minutes prior to your appointment time.
 - You must have all consent forms completed and signed prior to your appointment time. You will not be permitted into the building without them.
- **Face coverings (masks) are required at all times during Check-In.**
- Only one person from each family will be admitted into the Check-In area. This person should be the adult responsible for the camper(s).
- At Check-In you will...
 - Turn in your signed consent forms
 - Receive your daily pick-up and parking placard(s)
 - Receive your admission wristbands for Friday afternoon (Family Day – see below)
 - Receive your Camp KSC gear (badge, t-shirt and any additional items purchased during online registration)
 - Have an opportunity to purchase additional Camp KSC gear (T-shirts, drawstring bag and reusable water bottles.)
 - Have an opportunity to purchase a Camp KSC digital photo package

- Digital photos include camper at work in the Botany Lab, Robotics Lab, Microgravity Simulator, on Mars, and a team photo at Apollo Saturn V Center.
 - First package is \$55; additional packages in the same family are \$45 each
- 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.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

Every effort is made to accommodate families when they need to cancel; however, a \$50 fee will be charged if a cancellation occurs less than three (3) business days before camp begins. Please contact our Reservations department at 855-433-4210 to make any changes to your reservation. **The deadline for canceling is 5:00 PM on the Wednesday prior to your camp week.**

Bus Transportation

In keeping with COVID-19 precautions, we are not offering off-site bus transportation in 2021.

COVID-19 Precautions (“Trusted Space”)

Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is located on federal property. While here, all staff and guests must follow federal regulations established to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. In keeping with COVID-19 precautions, we have modified camp procedures in 2021 to align with federal health and sanitation guidelines.

- Face masks are required at all times while indoors, except while eating and drinking.
- Campers will be encouraged to social distance while at camp.
- Frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizers will be encouraged throughout the day.
- If we are notified that a camper has tested positive for COVID-19, we will inform all camp families who attended camp during the same week as that camper that their child may have been exposed. **If federal regulations in effect at the time mandate a period of quarantine, all campers will be required to leave the property immediately (or as soon as transportation can be arranged) and we will cancel the remaining days of camp so that our staff may be tested and the facility sanitized.** Camp will not resume until the quarantine period has passed.

Daily 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, the adult picking up must be listed on the Contact form as an authorized pick-up and provide a photo ID. Please note that it will take longer to pick up campers without the placard.

All Camp KSC arrivals are through the Main Entrance (“EXPLORE”) at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. All Camp KSC dismissals are through the ATX entrance behind the granite fountain to the right of the main gate. (This is also the location for Check-In.)

This year, to shorten lines and allow for social distancing, we will dismiss campers by team at different times (see below).

Morning Drop-Off: 8:00 AM – 8:25 AM

All campers must check-in with Education staff at the Main Entrance (“EXPLORE”) every morning.

- Drop-off is a park-and-walk-up procedure. To avoid a parking fee, please show your placard to the parking attendant. Park your car in any available space and walk up to the main gate.
- **One adult must accompany the camper to the main gate every day, regardless of the camper’s age.**
- Campers will pass through a metal detector and all bags will be checked. To speed up the bag check, please bring only those things required for camp. Bags should not have more than 2 pockets. Food is permitted but cannot be in a hard-sided cooler.
- Campers should know their camp number (assigned at Check-In) to speed up the process.
- **Late arrivals:** For the safety and security of our campers, the ATX doors are kept locked during camp hours (8:00AM – 3:30PM). 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, 2:45 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 doors. **Bring the placard with you to pick up your child.**

Pickup times are scheduled by teams. Please do not arrive early. Campers will not be in the ATX building until their team’s scheduled dismissal time.

- Pathfinder and Spirit pickup time is 2:45 – 3:00 pm
- Opportunity pickup time is 3:00 – 3:15 pm
- Curiosity and InSight pickup time is 3:15 – 3:30 pm
- **Multiple campers:** Please pick up all of the campers in your family/carpool at the time scheduled for the eldest.
- **Early release:** For the safety and security of our campers, the ATX doors are kept locked during camp hours (8:30AM – 3:00PM). Please email Education team at least 24 hours in advance to arrange for someone to escort the camper to the ATX lobby (CampKSC@delawarenorth.com). *Due to operational requirements of Camp KSC we cannot guarantee the ability to release campers at any specific time earlier than their scheduled time.*
- **Late pick-up is not available this year. All campers must be picked up by 3:30 pm.**

Friday Pick-Up (Family Day): 2:00 PM – 2:45 PM

Each camper will receive two (2) admission wristbands for family and/or friends to attend Family Day. After picking up campers at the ATX doors, families are invited to enter the visitor complex through the main gate to enjoy the exhibits until closing. Campers will be admitted using their Camp KSC name badge. **To allow families more time to explore the visitor complex, camp dismissal will begin 45 minutes earlier than on other days.**

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 doors. **Bring the placard with you to pick up your child.**

Pickup times are scheduled by team. Please do not arrive early. Campers will not be in the ATX building until their team's scheduled dismissal time.

- Pathfinder and Spirit pickup time is 2:00 – 2:15 pm
- Opportunity pickup time is 2:15 – 2:30 pm
- Curiosity and InSight pickup time is 2:30 – 2:45 pm
- **Multiple teams:** Please pick up all of the campers in your family/carpool at the time scheduled for the eldest. Younger siblings will be kept aside to wait until that time. They will not be in the ATX building until the time scheduled for the eldest child.

Lightning Storms

Afternoon thunderstorms and heavy rainfall are common in Florida during the summer months. We recommend that you carry an umbrella. In the event that there is a storm in the area, NASA may issue alerts to warn people to take shelter from lightning.

Only campers and staff are permitted inside the ATX Center during camp hours. We will not admit anyone into the building to wait out a storm. If there is thunder and lightning during your scheduled pick up time, please wait in your vehicle until the alert is lifted.

For the safety of our guests and staff, campers are not permitted outdoors during a Phase 2 lightning alert. If they are not already in the ATX Center, they will shelter in place until it is safe to walk to the ATX Center. This may cause them to be dismissed later than their scheduled time.

Camp KSC Gear

2021 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 (1 shirt is included with camp ticket, provided at check-in)
- Clothing for indoor/outdoor activities
- Closed-toed shoes (preferably tennis shoes)
- Face covering/mask (must be worn securely over nose and mouth)

What NOT to Wear

- Skirts or dresses (unless you wear shorts or leggings underneath)
- Open-toed shoes, sandals, flip-flops, crocs, etc.
- Large backpacks (anything with more than 2 pockets)

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 preferred to the camp lunch being served) – non-perishable items only**
If campers are packing food they **MUST** have it with them when they arrive in the morning. Parents cannot drop off lunch or snacks at a later time.

*Campers will have access to water to refill their bottles throughout the day. For health and safety reasons, drinking fountains are not available at this time.

**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)
- Backpacks 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, provide the medication in its original packaging clearly marked with camper name, camper number, medication name and dosage instructions. Campers must carry their 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 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. If a camper becomes ill, the nurse will call the parent to pick the camper up. If the camper's temperature is below 100.4°F, the camper may return the next day as long as he/she can pass the daily health screening. **If the camper's temperature is 100.4°F or higher, the camper may not return without proof of a negative COVID-19 test or prior vaccination (see "COVID-19 Precautions" above).**

Rocket Launches: In the event of a scheduled rocket launch during Camp KSC hours, there is a possibility that all camp activities for the day may be canceled. If this happens, 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.

Please note: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, campers will not have an opportunity to meet an astronaut this year.

Teams

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

Pathfinder:	Birth years: 2013 & 2014
Spirit:	Birth years: 2011 & 2012
Opportunity:	Birth years: 2009 & 2010
Curiosity:	Birth years: 2007 & 2008
InSight:	Birth years: 2004 & 2005 & 2006

Each team is composed of one or more groups, 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 Launch Control or in the Orion spacecraft. The teams 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, older 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. Younger campers will also experience the Multi-Axis Trainer (MAT).

**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 robots to complete different tasks. 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 & Next, Shuttle Launch Experience®, and the exhibits in Space Shuttle Atlantis®.

**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 Vehicle Assembly Building with a stop at the Apollo/Saturn V Center for shows and activities in the facility. They will also complete an activity in the all-new Planet Play®.

**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 age group. 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 in rotations from 10:45AM – 12:30PM.** Campers will eat with their own team – siblings will not be seated together unless they are on the same team. Please make sure your camper has breakfast before dropping him/her off. Campers will have access to drinking water at every meal. For health and safety reasons, drinking fountains are not available at this time. Campers are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle.

Sample Camp KSC Menu – *Subject to change*

- MONDAY:
Hamburger
Vegetarian option: Vegan burger **OR** PB&J Uncrustable®
- TUESDAY:
Chicken nuggets
Vegetarian option: Vegan chicken **OR** PB&J Uncrustable
- WEDNESDAY:
Pizza
Vegetarian option: PB&J Uncrustable
- THURSDAY:
Pasta with marinara, meatballs
Vegetarian option: Pasta with marinara (no meatballs) **or** PB&J Uncrustable
- FRIDAY:
Turkey wrap
Vegetarian option: Veggie wrap **or** PB&J Uncrustable

Daily snacks items will be pre-packaged crackers, pretzels, nutrition bars, etc.

If your camper has food allergies or specific dietary restrictions, please note this on the registration forms and confirm at check-in. **We are not able to meet special dietary requests other than vegetarian and/or gluten-free.** 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.

Family Day

At Check-In, each camper will receive two (2) admission wristbands for family and/or friends to attend the Family Day. *If additional wristbands are needed, we may be able to accommodate since not all families need two wristbands, but we cannot guarantee that additional wristbands will be available.*

Friday morning, parents should drop campers off at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex during regular check-in hours, the same as other days.

Friday afternoon, we invite campers to act as tour guides for their family and friends, revisiting favorite exhibits and showing off what they have learned. Camp will dismiss early so that families have more time to explore the visitor complex.

Please park your car and walk to the ATX Center to pick up your camper(s) as usual. Remember, the pick-up time will be 45 minutes earlier than on other days.

Please remember to bring your pick-up placard to pick up your camper!

You may then proceed to the main entrance for Security and health screening. You must be **wearing** your wristband to enter the complex. Show your wristband to the staff member at the turnstile. Campers do not need wristbands – their camp t-shirt and lanyard/name badge will serve as admission.

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, Planet Play®, 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. Limited admission does not include bus tours.

Please check our website www.kennedyspacecenter.com for information about operating hours.

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

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.

Westbound: SR 528 W to SR 3 N (Courtenay Parkway) 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.

From Cocoa Beach on State Road 528

Travel north on A1A to SR 528 west. Take exit # 49 for SR 3 toward Merritt Island/Kennedy Space Center. Turn right/north onto SR 3 and continue north for approximately 8 miles/13 km. Turn left/west onto Space Commerce Way and go approximately 1.5 miles/2.4 km. Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is located on the right.

From Orlando on State Road 50

From Orlando, travel east on SR 50 for approximately 50 miles/80 km. Passing I-95, turn right/east at the next intersection onto SR 405 and follow signs for approximately 10 miles/16 km. Turn right onto Space Commerce Way and go approximately 1.2 miles/2 km. Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is located on the left.

From Orlando on State Road 528

From Orlando, travel east on SR 528 for approximately 50 miles/80 km to SR 407 exit on left for Kennedy Space Center and Titusville. Continue on SR 407 to end at SR 405. Turn right/east onto SR 405 and follow signs for Kennedy Space Center for approximately 7.5 miles/12 km on SR 405. Turn right onto Space Commerce Way and go approximately 1.2 miles/2 km. Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is located on the left.

From Daytona Beach on Interstate 95

Travel I-95 South to Exit #215 onto Highway 50. Turn left/east onto Highway 50. Take a right onto SR 405 and continue straight, following signs for Kennedy Space Center. Travel for approximately 10 miles/16 km. Turn right onto Space Commerce Way and go approximately 1.2 miles/2 km. Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is located on the left.

From Miami on Interstate 95

Travel I-95 North to Exit #212 SR 407, and turn right on SR 407. Continue on SR 407 to end at SR 405. Turn right/east onto SR 405 and follow signs for Kennedy Space Center for approximately 7.5 miles/12 km on SR 405. Turn right onto Space Commerce Way and go approximately 1.2 miles/2 km. Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is located on the left.

GPS Coordinates

28°30'56.0"N and 80°40'54"W. Locate with GPS devices as Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. Do not use Kennedy Space Center as you will be directed to an incorrect location.

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Parking Voucher

Camp Kennedy Space Center 2021

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 Saturday and Sunday from 2:30PM – 5:00PM, or Monday before 9:00AM.

NOT VALID BEFORE MAY 29, 2021.

NOT VALID AFTER AUGUST 9, 2021.

Issued by Dionne Wallington, Director of Education

ATTENDANT: Please collect this voucher.

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