

2007 Space Academy Trip Summary

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I could not grasp the thought that I had actually been chosen to go to Space Camp. It was like a long dream, the kind of dream that you never want to wake up from. The first day when we were on our way to Alabama—Brenda, Jessica, Guillermo and I became good friends. Space Camp is a great environment for everyone with the perfect amount of both learning and fun.

Trevis, my counselor was a great guy. Trevis was both smart and fun. I don't think camp would have been as much fun without him there. I want to tell everyone how fun Space Camp is. I am sure that if someone goes, they will be just like all of us and want to go back. I made a lot of friends from all over the world.

All day and every day at Space Camp was fun. I loved going on the simulator where you were strapped down to the seat. The wheels would spin in every direction, and since you were on the three wheels that spun in every direction, you would spin with them.

Another exciting part of Space Camp was when we met with the people in the groups. We also met one of the last live people from Operation Paperclip. I was wowed! I thought, "Wow, this man was one of the people who started NASA."

Missions to me were the best part of Space Camp. Camp mission were like a little taste of what astronauts do. I know that I would want to be either capcom or mission specialist if I worked for NASA. Area 51 was a great program. It really made our team work as a team on missions.

Overall, camp was awesome and I know from the bottom of my heart that Space Camp will be one of my best memories. Whoever goes to Space Camp next year will surely want to go back. Thanks for choosing me.

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