

2007 Space Academy Trip Summary

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While I was at Space Camp, it was an unforgettable experience because I got the opportunity to experience some things that I have never done. The program actually started Sunday afternoon. Before that, it was boring and difficult because I didn't know anybody. After we were put in our groups, we started to know everybody and collaborate.

The most exciting events for me were three rides. They were Mars Mission, G-force, and Space Shot. The Mars Mission simulated a ride through Mars. The G-force ride simulated 4Gs on you (four times your weight). The Space Shot simulated weightlessness.

Also I enjoyed all the three simulators. They were the 1/G Chair, MMU, and the simulator that spun you frontwards, backwards, sideways, and upside-down. The 1/6 chair simulated the Moon Walk. The MMU simulated how to be free in space and not be attached to the shuttle.

Other exciting memories were of graduation when Jessica, Guillermo, and I of the CHARRON Team won the Mission Patch Contest which will be posted at the Space Camp website. It was exciting to find that news at graduation.

Other activities we did were the rock climb wall, the dome movie theater, museum and rocket hunt, rocket building, Area 51, and swimming. The rock climbing was fun. We went to this activity twice. In the movie theater we saw Mars Mission which was about robots Spirit and Opportunity. We also saw Blue Angels. The hunts were really fun because you had the chance to know about everything in the museum. Area 51, we didn't have the opportunity to experience because there was a thunder storm that didn't allow us to complete it.

One of the most exciting opportunities was the two missions we did. On the first mission I was capcom. Capcom advises and instructs the pilot, commander, mission specialists. On the second mission, I was Station Commander who did experiments and solves caution and warning signs.

Even though I didn't explain about all the minor activities, I covered the most exciting ones and most memorable to me. Overall, I had a GREAT time and will never forget this wonderful experience. This will stay with me all my life and for me to share with friends and my family. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY!

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