

2006 Space Academy (July 15 – 22, 2006)

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Team: Atlas

Attending Space Academy in Alabama was one of the most educational and fun things I have ever done. It taught me a lot about responsibility, leadership, and most importantly, teamwork. Space Camp got me thinking about working for NASA someday. I learned many things about rockets and how they work, the things astronauts do, and space missions. Everything that I did and learned, I will always remember. What I thought was interesting was when we were assigned to do missions. I got to float on a 1/6 Chair. We got to go on simulators, they were awesome! I enjoyed listening to a veteran astronaut that visited us.

One of the things that for a fact I will always remember is the people that I met, starting with the two other students that I went with, Arturo and Carlos. They were really outgoing and easy to talk to. My other team-mates were great. They were so fun to be with. It was like a Space Academy family! The girls in my room were the best people I have ever met even though we were all so different. Our whole team decided that we would keep in touch and try to come back next year.

I can't say in words how grateful I am for having the opportunity to attend the Space Academy. If I had the opportunity to go again, I would do it in a heartbeat. Once again, thank you.

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