Specialty Camp Details

Price: $200 per week
Extended Care: $50 per week
Extended care runs 7:30-9:00am and 12:00-5:30pm
Please bring a lunch for each day.

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Camp Description

NASA Starport Summer Camp operates for youth ages 6-12. Campers will be divided into groups of no more than 10 based on age. Each group will have a camp counselor who will be in charge of the daily activities and safety of each child.

Please note that each week will have a different theme. The theme will in no way be the only focus of the camp activities, but is instead meant as a general direction of some different break-away activities for the week.

Camp planned activities will be from 9:00am-3:30pm, with before care starting at 7:30am and after care ending at 5:30pm. Camp counselors will plan the day to day activities of their respective groups, but campers can look forward to such activities as team building games, crafts, active games, special presentations, skits and shows, board games, sports activities, etc.

We will be utilizing the Gilruth Center gymnasium, rooms, and surrounding sports fields, parks, and pavilions for all camp activities. Campers will not be leaving the grounds of the Gilruth Center.

Camp Supervision

NASA Starport Summer Camp staff with consist of camp counselors who have the desire and knowledge to work with youth and enrich their summer experience. All camp counselors will be over the age of 18, CPR/AED and First Aid certified, have completed camp counselor training, and will have passed a background check. The counselor to camper ratio will never be more than 1:10 during camp activities.

Camp Registration

All campers must be registered prior to the first day of each session of camp. Payment is due at the time of registration. Cancellations will cost $50 per session. We encourage that you try and move to another session that would best fit your needs.

All campers must have the following on file: Registration form filled out, Preferences for Medical Treatment filled out, Parent/Guardian Authorization and Acknowledgements form read and signed, Starport waiver, Release, and Hold Harmless Agreement read and signed, and a Doctor’s note stating that all shot records are current.

Behavior/Discipline

Parents and campers need to be aware there are rules that each child is expected to follow everyday at camp. A behavior warning procedure will be exercised and will be maintained for all progressive program violations. If discipline problems arise, the following steps will be taken to correct the problem: speak to the child with a warning, timeout from activities, notify the parent/guardian of the problem (and possibly come retrieve their child from the program), meet with parent/guardian to create an action plan, and if this process is unsuccessful and behaviors are not corrected, dismissal from the program.

Mind, Craft, Build using LEGO

Date: July 11-15  Time: 9am-12pm

Bring Minecraft to life using LEGO®! Build a motorized walking Creeper, a terrifying Ghast, and a motorized Minecart! This project-based camp, designed by Play-Well instructors, combines the basic format of our core engineering-themed programs based on the world of Minecraft. Students will explore real-world concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture while building their favorite Minecraft objects. Students will have a blast, even without any prior experience with Minecraft or LEGO.

NASA: A Journey Into Outer Space

Date: July 25-29  Time: 9am-12pm

From our Earth’s atmosphere to the outer reaches of our solar system, this hands-on program sends children on a quest for exploration! Comets, planets, stars and more are all waiting to be discovered. Learn about the four forces of flight, the challenges of space travel, and explore the science involved in rocket construction as you build your own Skyblazer II Rocket™! Travel to the end of the rainbow and make a sunset, use a Gravitational Launcher to see how NASA places satellites into outer space, fly your own cosmic disc and create your own Stereoscopic Viewer.

Jedi Engineering with LEGO

Date: June 20-24  Time: 9am-12pm

Young Jedi will explore worlds far, far away and engineering principles right in front of them. Defeat the Empire by designing and refining LEGO X-Wings, R2-units, and settlements on far-flung edges of the galaxy. Imagination and engineering combine to create motorized and architectural projects such as energy catapults, shield generators and defense turrets.
Athletic camps and dates are TBD

Starport offers a variety of summer athletic camps including: baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, volleyball and others. All camps are co-ed, ages 6-12.

Camp Details
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Camper Drop-Off and Pick-Up
Camper drop off may begin as early as 7:30am. Campers cannot be dropped off on Starport property unattended before the program starts at 7:30am. All parents or guardians of participants must sign in upon arrival at the Gilruth center on a daily basis. Planned activities will begin at 9:00am, so if you drop your child off after this time, please see the front desk so that your child’s group can be located.

The Camp Program ends promptly at 5:30pm. Participants must be picked up on time every day. All campers must be signed out by a person authorized to pick up the child. Proper identification may be required.

What to Bring to Camp
Drinks: Campers need to bring plenty of fluids, and refillable water bottles are acceptable.
Children will be outside a good portion of the day, so hydration is important.
Lunch: Please do not send lunches that need to be microwaved or refrigerated. Lunches will be kept in a climate controlled environment. A snack will be provided in the afternoon.
Clothing: Please see that your child dresses appropriately. Take into consideration that the campers will spend a large portion of their day outside.
Shoes: Comfortable shoes are recommended daily including tennis shoes or closed-toe shoes. Socks should be worn to avoid blisters throughout the day. Flip flops or sandals are not allowed.
Sunscreen: Campers will be outside, so sunscreen is recommended.
Money: Campers will be allowed to purchase items from the vending machines. However, camp counselors are not permitted to hold camper’s money and are not responsible for any money lost.
Blanket/pillow: After 3:30pm, we will play a movie to end the day. Campers are allowed to bring a blanket and/or pillow for this time if they would like.
Bag/Backpack: Campers may bring a bag/backpack to keep their items in. Please label all items with your child’s name.

What Not to Bring to Camp
Hand held gaming devices such as DS’s
Cell phones
IPods/MP3 player
Toys
Electronics
If your child would like to bring a specific book or game to share, please get approval from a camp counselor first. Staff are not responsible for items brought from home that are lost, stolen, or damaged.

Camp Contacts
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NASA Starport Campers should get ready for a fun filled, adventurous summer! NASA Starport Camps are designed to offer activities mostly focused on indoor/outdoor games, sports, water activities, arts & crafts; while incorporating fun weekly themes.

**June 6th-August 22nd**

*Fee: $150 per week
$135 per sibling
Ages: 6-12
Days: Monday-Friday
Times: 7:30am-5:30pm*

### Sessions & Themes

1. **June 6-10:** Welcome to the Jungle
   - Say hello to summer!
   - Our favorite time of year is back!

2. **June 13-17:** Water World
   - We will stay cool this week with all kinds of wacky water games.

3. **June 20-24:** Under the Sea
   - Campers will Dive in the sea by celebrating marine life.

4. **June 27-July 1:** Welcome to the Jungle
   - Say hello to summer!
   - Our favorite time of year is back!

5. **July 5-8:** Dino Discovery
   - Campers will explore the world of dinosaurs!

6. **July 11-15:** Under the Big Top
   - Come one, come all! Campers will be able to enjoy Starport very own Carnival!

7. **July 18-22:** What’s Cooking?
   - Campers will become familiar with fun but simple recipes!

8. **July 25-29:** Fitness Fun
   - Campers will become more active, increase their energy and have fun doing it!

9. **August 1-4:** Splish Splash Dash!
   - Beat the heat, get soaked, have a dash & take a splash!

10. **August 8-12:** Starport Summer Olympics
    - We will celebrate the Summer Olympics Starport Style!

11. **August 15-19:** Deja Vu
    - Does something seem familiar this week?! Campers will re-live some of the fun moments we had this summer!

Check our website or our Summer Camp calendar and registration information!