

What impact does SPACE CAMP®, SPACE ACADEMY®, and AVIATION CHALLENGE® have on the students who attend?

After attending SPACE CAMP, almost 93% took more science courses, particularly physics and chemistry.

This (attending SPACE CAMP) greatly influenced my decision to take six, yes, six science courses in high school.

Richard Chrostek, Chicago, IL

I believe the reason why I like the sciences is because SPACE CAMP showed me female role models.

Janet K. Rose, Pueblo, CO

Almost 91% reported that SPACE CAMP inspired them to take more math, particularly calculus.

I will be a freshman at Stanford University, majoring in Environmental Science and Pre-Med. My best friend is also a SPACE CAMP alumnus...The night before graduation we were talking about how much our lives had changed since we met...We agreed that SPACE CAMP had a large part in our decisions to join the math and science magnet programs.

Meredith McMorrow, Lexington, KY

74% said they learned about careers at SPACE CAMP.

Since I have been to SPACE ACADEMY, I have gotten a job with NASA. I was accepted into the Pre-

Coop Program at the Kennedy Space Center. I worked for NASA immediately out of high school and then began to coop with NASA at KSC after I began college.

Charles Patisaul, Melbourne, FL

They (the SPACE CAMP programs) have influenced my lifestyle and have directed me to major in engineering, which was my major at ADVANCED SPACE ACADEMY. I have total faith in this program's potential because I know, first-hand, that it never quits expanding.



Jessica Palmer, Covington, KY

Nearly half said their SPACE CAMP experience influenced their college major and 45% said their SPACE CAMP experience affected their career choice.



I received a B.S. degree in biology and I am currently in graduate school in biomedical sciences and working in the DNA lab and the medical school. I am planning on going into space medicine and space life sciences.

Heath Stewart, Big Spring, TX

When I was at SPACE CAMP/ACADEMY, I was given the task of being one of the scientists in Space Lab...While in the lab, I was to conduct experiments on crystals and record crystal growth. Due to that day, I decided that geology would be a career for me. **Stacy M. Spires, Philadelphia, PA**

My SPACE CAMP experience was very positive and has had a great impact on my educational and career decisions. I am a graduate student at MIT in aerospace engineering. I am also an employee of Hughes Aircraft Company in El Segundo, CA. **Buford Ray Conley, El Segundo, CA**



Another recurring theme throughout alumni responses:

The most important thing SPACE CAMP and ACADEMY did for me was to put me in leadership roles. Before the program I wasn't sure I could be in charge of many people....But after having the role of commander at SPACE ACADEMY...I was much more confident in my own abilities. **Laura Witter, Warrenton, MO**

I am very grateful to the SPACE ACADEMY program for helping the campers to not only work to their maximum potential as a team, but also as leaders. After all, we are the future leaders of America. **Traci Fontenot, Poultney, VT**

More examples of how SPACE CAMP impacts student motivation and attitude:

I am currently in my junior year of college and majoring in elementary education. I am looking forward to graduating and returning to SPACE CAMP to experience the program for educators. SPACE CAMP is an exciting, motivational learning experience that I am proud to have been and will be a part of. I hope for the future and education of children to come that SPACE CAMP will always be there to show them that the sky is not the limit. **Kristi Stuck, Joplin, MO**

SPACE CAMP and AVIATION CHALLENGE taught me that I should have as many team sports and extracurricular activities as I can. Right now, I am involved in cross county, basketball, track and field, student council, Future Teachers of America, Beta Club (honors society), Drug Awareness Council, Science Olympiad,

Knowledge Bowl, Math Team and my church youth group.

Robin Paarlberg, Viburnum, MO



While filling out college applications, I was asked to recount a memorable and influential time in my life. My memorable and influential time? Those five days spent in SPACE CAMP at Huntsville.

Anne Marie Zucchi, Manomet, MA

I am presently a radiation therapist working with the newest technology in linear accelerators to treat people with cancer. I enjoy what I'm doing and have found my SPACE ACADEMY experience a big plus, especially when applying for a job.

Jill K. Forcier, Bristol, CT

SPACE ACADEMY I raised my interest level in our world. I take a trip once a year to Catalina Island with our Marine Biology Club. We study the ocean, the stars, and the effect of the moon on the oceans.

Sharon McGaugh, Las Vegas, NV

Although my interests are art and theater, I have always thought of SPACE ACADEMY as one of the most stimulating and exciting weeks in my life. I hope that SPACE CAMP is still available when my child is old enough to go.

Anne Hawkins Young, Morgantown, WV

I am determined to correct this misconception (about how hard physics is) by becoming a high school physics teacher. I want students to have fun and develop excitement while they learn about the physical universe that surrounds them and not have the same difficulty that so many experience with this subject.

Kathryn D. Cannon, Irvine, CA

