**GSES 5TH Grade Space Camp**

[www.spacecamp.com](http://www.spacecamp.com)

Dear Parents,

We are excited to invite your 5th grader to the annual “***Expedition Camp***” week at U.S. Space Camp during the week of **March 16 - 20, 2020**. It will be Monday thru Friday running from **8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m**. on each day, with a graduation ceremony on Friday (time TBD – usually at 12:30 pm). Parents and family members are welcome and highly encouraged to attend the graduation ceremony on Friday and participate in the free family pass following the ceremony to explore “behind the scenes” Space & Rocket Center led by your child. Please make arrangements now to attend and schedule any appointments or activities for your child AFTER 5:30pm for Space Camp week. The cost of the camp is $340 per student, which includes camp, lunch and transportation. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to attend Space Camp and learn “hands-on” how to achieve goals, work as a team, and understand the rewards and challenges of all aspects of the Space Program. A sample list of activities with descriptions is attached.

For your child to participate in this event, please ensure the following requirements are met:

* return a signed copy of attached Trainee Code of Conduct & intent to participate – return to homeroom teacher NOW
* Total payment of $340. 1st deposit of $ 170 due Thursday, September 5. Final payment of $170 due Thursday, November 14. **If you need financial assistance, contact Mrs. Douthit BEFORE Friday, August 17, 2018.** Payments should be sent to your child’s homeroom teacher. Cash or checks are accepted. Checks should be made payable to GSES.
* Space Camp funds are NON-REFUNDABLE except if student withdraws from school or has a doctor’s note for illness from school the entire week. IF a student is not allowed to attend Space Camp or asked to leave Space Camp due to the student’s behavior, this will result in forfeiture of all tuition. If the student is on scholarship, the parents will be responsible to repay the scholarship funds.
* IN DECEMBER - Register your child and complete healthcare and photo release forms ONLINE (a link will be sent to you AFTER **all** payments are made --- look for it in late December)
	+ **If ONLINE registration, medical form, and photo release form are not completed by due date, your child will not attend Space Camp and all paid funds are NOT reimbursable**.

Thank you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your parent liaisons: Jaime Hopkins Jaime.hopkins@hsv-k12.org or Lisa Allport lisaallport@bellsouth.net or 256-503-7345

**Space Camp Trainee Code of Conduct**

**and intent to participate**

* Be respectful to all team members, staff, and guests.
* Listen to your crew trainer who will give you important instructions for every activity.
* For your safety, always stay with your group and do as you are directed.
* Wear clothing and closed toed shoes that are appropriate for the weather and activities you will be doing each day.
* Wear your wrist band at all times. If you lose yours, tell your crew trainer immediately.
* Carry your Mission manual and pen to all activities.
* If you are hurt or sick, tell your crew trainer immediately.
* In the crew galley, sit with your crew during meals, and remain seated at your table until your Crew Trainer dismisses you.
* No public displays of annoyance, aggression, or affection are allowed.
* Respect the artifacts of the Space and Rocket Center. Pick up trash when you see it and leave each space tidy when you leave it.
* Maintain a positive attitude toward your team and all activities. Attitudes are contagious!

This is not a full list of rules/regulations, but hopefully this will give your students a better understanding of what to expect at Space Camp. Failure to follow the above rules and guidelines will result in your child’s removal from Space Camp and forfeiture of payments.

**We have read and understand these rules of conduct pertaining to Space Camp. I will follow these rules to the best of my ability. We plan to participate accordingly.**

Student Name: Parent Name:

Signature: Signature:

Date: Date:

**General Information**

***Special Dietary Requests***

* Space Camp will try to accommodate trainees with health-related dietary restrictions and require a minimum three-week advance notification. Lunch is a served as an all you can eat buffet. Note that Vegan options are always available. If the dietary requirements exceed their capabilities, trainees are permitted to bring their own food. *Please do not send food to camp with the trainee unless it is to accommodate health-related dietary needs.* Meals must be labeled with trainee’s name, day and meal. (Example: John Smith, Monday Breakfast.)
* Parents can notify the dietary staff of any health related dietary restrictions by completing the Allergies/Dietary Restrictions portion of the **online health form**. Sample menus are available for review in the online health form.
* Please use this link to explore the delicious lunches offered during our week at Space Camp: <https://www.spacecamp.com/camp/dining>

***Other information:***

* Any daily medications which are routinely administered during school hours and any medications checked into GSES’s nurses office will be brought to Space Camp by the 5th grade teacher who is a certified medical assistant. These medications will be checked into Space Camp each morning and checked out each afternoon by the certified medical assistant so your child’s medical needs will be uninterrupted. Please indicate your child’s medical needs on the online health care form.
* Pre-paid gift card will be available for camp trainees. Your child’s funds will be kept electronically on their wrist band. Parents will have the opportunity to load money onto their wrist band for gift shop souvenirs. Loading money onto your child’s wrist band is recommended if you don’t want your child carrying large sums of cash. **It will be necessary to still send your child with some small bills and quarters for to access the vending machines for snacks**.