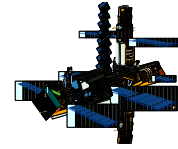


# Space Voyage Academy



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## **A. Introduction.**

Thank you for enrolling in Space Voyage Academy. Space Voyage Academy offers students the opportunity to study space science in many unique ways. First, students are invited to use and interact with complex simulation equipment, software and “hands-on, minds-on” investigations. Second, students interact and work with other students who have similar interests and motivation. Third, specific student interests are explored and students learn to work from their strengths to overcome relative weaknesses. Fourth, students learn about the history and systems of technology, and have the opportunity to explore emerging technologies. Fifth, everyone has a lot of fun!

## **B. Program Philosophy.**

The program utilizes the “Educational Adventure” instructional philosophy and model developed by the program founder, Dr. Palmere. The following value statements capture this philosophy:

- \* Students are valued and important.
- \* Strengths are used to overcome relative weaknesses.
- \* The phrase “high-tech, higher-touch” captures the concept that while technology is important, the human as an individual is most important. Equipment and technology serve to support the individuals’ quest for knowledge, skill and confidence.
- \* Education is a journey, not a destination.
- \* Failure is valued as part of the process, a chance to start again.
- \* Students can be inspired and motivated to excel beyond limited curriculum outlines.
- \* Students learn subject matter through well defined vertical hierarchies as well as through more creative mind-maps that are often undefined and incomplete.

## **C. About the Instructors.**

Dr. Mark “Doc” Palmere, Ph.D. is the founder of the Space Voyage program. Dr. Palmere created Space Voyage Simulations as a cross curriculum educational program in 1987. Dr. Palmere has a dual Ph.D. in the areas of School-Child Psychology, and Administration, Curriculum and Instruction. You can read about other SVA Instructors on our website.

A large leadership group has developed to assist Dr. Palmere at the Academy. Students who have completed Level 3 and above make up the leadership group. Student leadership levels include; student assistant, student instructor apprentice, and certified instructor. Cadets are expected to continue their achievement while in leadership positions.

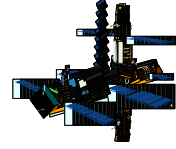
## **D. Class Organization and Structure.**

Parents should review daily work completed, and encourage work before play. While Pathfinders must try their best, ask questions, express their needs, and work as a team when asked; cadets must have all objectives signed off before receiving a Space Flight Medal of Honor for that level. When you come to the Academy, plan on working first then playing. Follow the astronaut motto: “Astronauts work hard and they play hard.” When you work, work hard. When you play, play hard. And when you work you don’t play at all.” When in doubt, ask questions. Remember that the entire leadership group wants you to achieve.

## **E. Neatness Counts.**

Follow Sally Ride’s famous astronaut saying; “A clean ship is a happy ship.” Leave areas the way you found them... Clean! You are expected to clean up after yourself.

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## F. Arrival and Departure Times.

Students are welcome to arrive between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Each day's initial briefing is held at 8:00 am sharp. Students are expected to arrive on time. If you expect difficulties in arrival times, please let Dr. Palmere know. **Departure time is between 3:30 and 3:50 pm.** Parents are welcome to enter the pavilion at 3:20 pm to listen to the final briefing. All students and staff must be out of the building by 3:50 pm.

## G. Materials, Consumables, and Toys.

All materials and consumables that will be used are provided. The Academy has a large supply of all needed materials. When in doubt, ask. Please leave your toys, electronic games, computer programs, controllers, etc. at home. Space Voyage Academy is not be responsible for lost or broken toys or other items brought from home. **DO NOT BRING GAMEBOYS, LAPTOPS, KINDLES, IPADS, LASER POINTERS, ROLLER SKATES OR SHOES WITH BUILT IN ROLLER SKATES OF ANY KIND.**

## H. Medications and Special Needs.

Parents please hand deliver special medications with specific written directions to Dr. Palmere. Medications are not allowed to be stored in lunches or backpacks. All medications are secured by senior staff and are dispensed based on written instructions provided by parents. We ask if anyone has a peanut allergy each week and ask you not to bring peanut products if anyone in the room has a peanut allergy. The Space Voyage pavilion is a non tobacco, no smoking facility.

## I. Do's and Don'ts.

**DO** try your best, be on time, come rested, ask questions, keep your hands to yourself, stay in the Academy pavilion, use the restroom when needed, clean up after yourself, bring a sack lunch and snacks, be a good team member, tell Doc Palmere what you need, bring fifty cents for a lunch time drink or non-caffeine soda, bring your SVA Notebook every day, use correct language (please help, urgent request, priority one request, criticality), be positive in your language and behavior, think like an astronaut, and have fun.

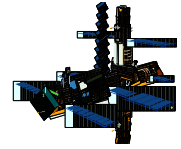
**DON'T** be late, curse or swear, monopolize equipment, run, leave the pavilion, turn off computers, put drinks on a flight deck, touch computer disks or CD's, be negative in speech, dress or deed, go home without telling an instructor what you need, or leave a mess for others to clean up. Don't bring hand-held computers, games, CD's, laser pointers and toys from home.

**No No's.** Space Voyage Academy has a "zero tolerance policy" on aggression and leaving the pavilion without permission. Parents will be called to come and pick up students for the following: 1) Leaving the pavilion without permission. This includes wandering around the school, going into restricted areas and going outside without permission. 2) Hitting, punching or putting your hands on another student or staff member. Space Voyage is a special place... We consider verbal abuse, put downs, taunting and bullying inappropriate. Such behavior will not be tolerated. If you EVER feel you are being treated with disrespect, you are to report this problem to an instructor or Dr. Palmere immediately. Treat others with the respect they deserve. If you not sure what to say, ask yourself "Would I talk like this to my parents or grandparents?" Parents are asked to review and discuss appropriate and inappropriate behaviors with their children. Again, students are to report any concerns or problems to Dr. Palmere (or an instructor) immediately.

## J. Souvenirs and the Space Store.

Students receive a student notebook and many consumables and souvenirs during the program week. A space store is available for patches, toys and other collectibles.

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## **K. Special Events.**

All daily events are included and sponsored by SVA except Friday's Pizza Lunch. On Thursday we will send home an announcement reminding parents about the Friday Pizza Lunch. We generally order large cheese and large pepperoni pizzas, cut into 8 slices. Cost is \$3.00 for two slices, or \$4.00 for three slices. Soda's and water are 50 cents, like all other days.

## **L. Directions to the Academy.**

Space Voyage Summer Academy will be set up Summit Ridge Middle School in Littleton, CO. Driving Directions: C-470 to Bowles exit, east on Bowles to Simms, South on Simms to Coal Mine and School. Enter through the most southwest entrance. Look for Space Voyage signage. The school address is: Summit Ridge Middle School, 11809 West Coal Mine Ave., Littleton, CO 80127.

## **M. Cancellation Due To Poor Weather.**

**BAD WEATHER** — In the case of poor weather, call the Space Voyage office (303-985-3143). If there is a cancellation due to weather, a message indicating the day's cancellation will be on voice mail by 6:30 a.m. each day. To date, we have never canceled a program day for poor weather.

## **N. Returning for Additional Weeks.**

Usually, You may sign up for an additional program week. Check with Dr. Palmere for availability. Discounts are not available after the start of camp on June 14th.

## **O. Starter Activities.**

Ready to start? A good way to prepare for the Academy is to read and think about manned space flight. Books, magazines, newspapers and the Internet are sources of information. Be sure to check out the SVA web site patch gallery and more. We expect many small and medium contests to be on our web site so check back often.

Our web address is [www.SpaceVoyage.com](http://www.SpaceVoyage.com)

More questions? E-mail Dr. Palmere at [dr-palmere@spacevoyage.com](mailto:dr-palmere@spacevoyage.com) or call 303-985-3143.

We look forward to seeing you at the Space Voyage Academy.

See you at the Academy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doc Palmere Ph.D." The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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