

Space Voyage Summer Camp

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A. Introduction.

Thank you for enrolling in Space Voyage Summer Camp. Space Voyage Summer Camp 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 each 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 Educational Psychology, and Administration, Curriculum and Instruction.

A large leadership group has developed to assist Dr. Palmere at the Summer Camp. Leadership levels include; student assistant, student instructor apprentice, SV Intern and Certified Instructor.

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 Summer Camp, 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.

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. **Final eparture time is 4:00 pm.** Prior to 4:00 pm, parents are welcome to enter the pavilion inside the school.

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From 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm, parents can pick up inside the pavillion. All students must be picked up by 4:00 pm. If you are going to be late, please call Dr. Palmere on his cell phone at 303-513-7047. Late pickups after 4:00 pm are subject to an additional fee.

G. Materials, Consumables, and Toys.

All materials and consumables that will be used are provided. The Summer Camp 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 Summer Camp 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 medications with specific written directions to Dr. Palmere. Medications are not allowed to be stored in student lunches or backpacks. All medications are secured by senior staff and are dispensed based on written instructions provided by parents. We will ask if anyone has a peanut allergy each week, and if there are peanut allergies, we ask you to not send peanut products to camp. The Space Voyage pavilion is a no 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 Summer Camp pavillion, use the restroom when needed, clean up after yourself, bring a sack lunch and snacks, be a good team member, tell Doc Palmers what you need, bring fifty cents for a lunch time drink or non-caffeine soda, bring your Space Voyage Notebook every day, use correct language (i.e., 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 pavillion without an Instructor, turn off computers or monitors, put drinks on flight decks, 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 has a "zero tolerance policy" on aggression and leaving the pavillion without permission. Parents will be called to come and pick up students for the following: 1) Leaving the pavillion 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 students EVER feel they are being treated with disrespect, they are to report this problem to an instructor and Dr. Palmere immediately. Treat others with the respect they deserve. If you are 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 (and their 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 may be available for patches, toys and other collectibles.

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K. Special Events.

All daily events are included and sponsored by camp 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. Sodas and water are 50 cents, like all other days.

L. Directions to the Summer Camp.

Space Voyage Summer Summer Camp will be set up at Summit Ridge middle School, 11809 W. Coal mine Ave., Littleton CO 80127. You can use your smart phone to see a Google map to camp on the home page of our website: <http://www.spacevoyage.com> on your smart phone. Once at the school, follow the signs. Enter through the southwest corner of the building..

M. Cancellation Due To Poor Weather or Other Emergency

BAD WEATHER — In the case of poor weather, call the Space Voyage office (303-985-3143). If there is a cancellation due to weather, or other emergency, 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, we have space and you can sign up for additional program weeks. Check with Dr. Palmere for availability.

O. Starter Activities.

Ready to start? A good way to prepare for the summer camp is to read and think about space, and manned space flight. Books, magazines, newspapers and the Internet are sources of information. Be sure to check out the Space Voyage Blog and web site for new information, new photo galleries, etc. .

Our web address is www.SpaceVoyage.com

More questions?

E-mail Dr. Palmere at dr-palmere@spacevoyage.com or

Phone –Office: 303-985-3143.

Cell and text: 303-513-7047

We look forward to seeing you at the Space Voyage Summer Camp.

See you at camp,

Dr. Mark "Doc" Palmere, Ph.D.
Founder, Space Voyage