

Space Camp USA – Summer 2017

On the 14th July 2017, 18 brave students and 2 equally brave teachers took the 25 hour journey to Space ... Camp USA.

After 25 hours of travel the team finally made it to Huntsville, Alabama, often referred to as "Rocket City" due to role this southern city played in the development of the US Space Programme, Huntsville is home to the NASA affiliated Space Camp, a residential programme for children of all ages who are fascinated in the great beyond and likewise, the technology it takes to get us there.

For the next 5 days, the students were members of Space Camps' Advanced Space Academy gaining career experience in science, technology, engineering and maths. The students underwent a variety of astronaut training exercises, engineering challenges and teambuilding activities, all culminating in an extended-duration simulated space mission.

All students performed fantastically throughout the five days and were able to meet and seek advice from experts in robotics, astronomy and even a former astronaut. All students graduated Space Camp in a ceremony overseen by Directors of NASA and Space EX, as well as 2 very proud teachers.

All involved had a fantastic time, one student commented "this was the adventure of lifetime, it has made me so motivated to pursue a career in space exploration" and another "the engineering and robotics experience has given me the skills I need for my future employment".

A big well done to our future astronauts!