



Helpful Tips and Information Prior To Your Camp-In

Preparing for Camp

What should individuals bring bring?

- Back packs, duffle bags or small roller suitcases “carry-on” size luggage is ideal.
- Sleeping bag and sleeping pad (sleeping pad goes under your sleeping bag) Sleeping pads are highly recommended as we do not allow air mattresses and the floor is carpeted, but still hard.
- Pillows and extra blankets as the air conditioning does get cold, even in the summer.
- Basic toiletries such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, and hair brushes are ideal and wet wipes are a great way to freshen up since we do not have showers.
- Clothing should be comfortable. Casual clothes and good walking shoes are recommended. Pajamas for the evening. Remember to bring a jacket or sweater no matter what time of year you are coming.
- Charging banks are a great idea and allow you to charge your device without an outlet. There are some outlets available in the sleeping area as well as charging stations around the center but you are not guaranteed a sleeping location near an outlet.
- Money for gift shop.
- Food/snacks if you have food allergies or are unable to partake in the provided meals, you may bring your own. However, NO food or drinks can be consumed in sleeping areas.
- Medical and media forms for every student and adult are required to be brought to the Camp-In. The team leader should have them readily available if needed for an emergency.

What robotic training materials should our team bring?

- Hydro Dynamics playing field(s) and Lego components
- Playing field table. *Optional, but recommended
- Power strip
- Robot(s), computer(s), power cords, USB cords and any other electronics needed
- Project materials
- A great attitude and Core Values!



What NOT to bring?

Please keep in mind that you will be sleeping near other participants and we ask that you show the same courtesy and respect to them that you would like them to show you. Think of it as an indoor-camping trip and the camp site has a few rules so that everyone has a safe and enjoyable time.

- Air mattresses and cots, the only exception to this rule is if you or someone in your party has a medical condition. If you did not already request to bring one in the comments section of your registration, please email Reservations or the Program Coordinator.
- Glow sticks (flash lights and phone lights are ok)
- Electrical hair appliances (blow dryers, straighteners, curling irons etc.)
- Only registered participants and their leaders/chaperones attend a Camp-In.

Adding Additional Participants or Adults to Your Reservation?

- If you need to add more participants or adults to your reservation, please call Reservations at +1 281-283-4755.

Medical Conditions

- If you have a medical condition that does not allow you to sleep on the floor and you need to bring an air mattress or cot, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can accommodate you.
- If you need to bring a CPAP machine, let us know so that we can place you near an outlet.
- If you have any allergies to food, you can view the current menu and list of ingredients that will be offered during the Camp-In, on our website at any time. If you need to bring your own food, you may do so.
- Our Instructors and Camp-In staff will not administer any medication to anyone. If a child is bringing prescription medicine that needs to be taken during the camp, then either their parent/guardian or team leader must administer it to them.

First Aid

- We do have a first aid kit with very basic supplies for minor injuries or illnesses. The Security department also has a fully equipped first aid kit.
- The team leader needs to have all of the medical forms for every participant and parent readily available in case of an emergency.

Cancellation and Refund Policies

- Cancellations to your reservations may be made up until 6 weeks before the date of your Camp-In.
- Refunds will only be given up until 6 weeks before the date of your Camp-In.
- If your camp is less than 6 weeks away and you are not able to attend, you can reschedule individuals or your entire group and apply your ticket(s) to another Camp-In.
- If Space Center Houston cancels your camp due to bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances, we will either refund you or you can apply your tickets to another Camp-In date.
- Rescheduling your Camp-In date can be done by calling Reservations at +1 281-283-4755. Please note that all dates are subject to availability.



Arrival and Check-In

Getting to Space Center Houston

We are located at 1601 NASA Parkway, Houston, TX 77058

Traffic can be an issue, so make sure you give yourself plenty of time to travel. If you are crossing through downtown Houston, it is generally better to take the 610 loop instead of I-45 through that area.

- If your team is traveling in separate vehicles, make sure all drivers have a way to contact each other.
- Everyone must be present from your team in order to check in.
- Always check current weather and road conditions on official state websites.
- I-45 usually has road construction south of Beltway 8.
- Beltway 8 is a toll road.
- In case of bad weather and road closures on major freeways, there are several alternate routes in the area to choose from.
- Remember to search for Space Center Houston and not NASA or Johnson Space Center on your GPS. We are located across the street from NASA.



Parking and Check-In

- Please arrive at 5:00 p.m. for check-in at 5:15 p.m.
- Tell the Space Center Houston Crew Member at the parking toll booth that you are here for the Camp-In. Parking is free for you and anyone else who is staying for the Camp-In or dropping off and picking up.
- The gate will be open early in the morning for anyone joining you on the second day.
- Check-in is at the front of the building, look for Camp-In staff at a table with green flags.
- Once everyone from your party has arrived, the leader can go up and check-in with our staff. You will receive a welcome packet with a wrist band for everyone in your group as well as the itinerary and map for the evening.
- The Camp-In staff member will then explain everything you need to know and check-you in. Know how many participants you have and how many adults you have altogether. Once your team is checked in you can bring in your luggage and robotic competition supplies.
- Your entire group must be present in order to check-in and enter the center. If you think that part of your group will not arrive before dinner starts, then please notify the Camp-In staff.

Bad Weather

Camp-Ins are not cancelled for bad weather unless all of Space Center Houston is closed. This only occurs in extreme, severe storms. No refunds will be given as long as the Camp-In has not been canceled. However, you may reschedule your visit any time. You will be notified if the Camp-In is canceled.



What to Expect

After Check-In

- You will have until 6:00 p.m. to set up your robotic field, computers, etc. in your "Mission Control" area.
- At 6:00 p.m. there will be a welcome show to review the expectations for the Camp-In.

Snacks / Buffet Breakfast

- Meals will be served, "buffet style", with one serving per person. Seconds will be offered after everyone has been served.
- Menus include vegetarian and gluten free options. See current menu on our website.
- A section of the Zero G diner will be open for coffee and light snacks during the evening.

Luggage/ Camp Sites

- Luggage is brought in at different times depending on what camp type you are attending and when the center closes. You will be told when to bring in luggage at check-in.
- Camp sites are assigned at random by team number and are based on capacity and group size.
- Changing and getting ready for bed happens in the bathrooms.
- Boys and girls will have separate sleep areas.
- Participants will have the option to work on their robot and projects throughout the night. There will be designated sleep areas and work areas for the participants.
- If a participant needs to go to the bathroom, our policy is that one adult must go with them. They cannot go without an adult.

Welcome Show

- There will be a Welcome Show after dinner to go over the plan for the evening, rules and introduce the staff.
- We will have a very special guest speaker after the welcome show.

2 Deep Leadership

- Our policy at Space Center Houston is that a participant is never left alone. They are either with one of our Instructors, team leader or parent. We will be following the FLL Youth Protection Plan guidelines to ensure a safe evening for all participants.
- At least one team leader or coach must be with the participant if they chose to stay up and work.

Camp T Shirts, Patches and Day 2 Only Tickets

- Camp T-shirts, and Day 2 Only Tickets will be available for pick up and/or purchase after the Welcome Show.

Family and Friends

- This camp-In is designed as a special night for First Lego League robotics teams only. If any friends or other family members would like to join you for your second day, you can purchase a Day 2 Only ticket for \$12.95 for them the night of your Camp-In. Tell them to arrive by 8 a.m. to join you for Day 2 activities, including the private tram tour.

For any questions or to make any changes to your order, including purchases and additional notes, please contact Reservations at +1 281-283-4755 or reservations@spacecenter.org.



