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## Space Center Houston Summer Activities Inspire Discovery

HOUSTON, May 1, 2015 – The nonprofit Space Center Houston has a summer of fun, stimulating activities lined up that will inspire learning about space exploration. Walk through a full-sized Mars habitat, plan a trip to the moon or explore the museum with a private group after hours.

Be among the first to view a piece of the future and see one of the only full-scale Orion capsules on public display, touch a piece of Mars in the summer exhibit “Space: A Journey to Our Future” or perform a spacewalk at Space University.

Through interactive, immersive educational programs and exhibits, Space Center Houston has summer activities perfect for all ages.

- May 23-Sept. 7 – “Space: A Journey to our Future” – Explore the cosmos and beyond in the interactive summer exhibit. Walk through a full-sized space habitat and use the moon as a basecamp for going to Mars. Visitors will utilize a variety of interactives to plan, design, even pack for a trip to Mars.
- June 8-Aug. 21 – [Summer Day Camps](#) – Space Center Houston offers a diverse collection of age-appropriate single-day and weeklong summer day for ages 4-14. Campers can train like an astronaut or build a robotic rover while learning about math and science in fun, hands-on activities.
- [Space University](#) – Students from all over the world can engineer a robotic rover and launch a rocket in this hands-on program. Space University is a week-long immersive, learning experience that teaches students about space exploration and traveling to and sustaining life upon a distant planet. Only at Space University can students train like astronauts and visit NASA’s mission control. Space University is a week-long program offered year-round to students ages 13 and older.
- [Space After Dark](#) – Students will design rockets, construct a spaceport and explore the museum after hours. Space After Dark is an exciting evening adventure designed for groups to experience the wonders of space exploration outside of the classroom. Space After Dark is a year-round program and includes a [private tour of NASA](#), dinner and next day admission to the museum.
- Orion Exhibit – Orion is NASA's new exploration spacecraft, designed to carry astronauts to destinations in deep space, including an asteroid and Mars. The Orion capsule is a full-scale engineering model that was used to train astronauts for entering and exiting the spacecraft. See a piece of history up-close at Space Center Houston.
- Now showing – “[Journey To Space](#)” –The new film takes a look ahead at the most exciting missions on the horizon and the historic shuttle program. “Journey To Space” pays tribute to the space shuttle program and the shuttle program’s last major project – the launch and assembly of the [International Space Station](#) (ISS).



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The next landmark event at the nonprofit is the opening of the shuttle carrier aircraft and shuttle replica exhibit, *Independence Plaza*. The complex will open in late 2015 as the only exhibit of its kind with educational displays focusing on science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Tickets at the door range from \$18.95 for children to \$23.95 for adults with discounts for seniors and active military, or save \$3 and skip the ticket lines by buying online. Purchase a Space Center Houston Membership for as little as \$26.95 and return free as often as you like during the year with free parking, special events and much more. For more information on Space Center Houston, visit [www.spacecenter.org](http://www.spacecenter.org).

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