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Space Camp Essay

“Why I would like to attend Space Camp”

 As children grow they often dream of what they want to be when they grow up. Some dream of becoming doctors, lawyers, teachers, and then you have those students that often dream of blasting off into space. I chose to become a school counselor, to guide my students on that path to greatness. Whether it is to become a heart surgeon or becoming the first person to step onto a different planet; it is my goal to expose students while offering experiences so that they can become successful in and outside of the classroom.

I am thrilled at the opportunity of going to space camp in Alabama. This opportunity will afford me with the opportunity to get a firsthand look at astronauts and simulation. Moreover, I will be able to get a basic understanding of astronaut life style training and will become more equipped to advise and share with my students and teachers about the career field and career opportunities. As a middle school educator, with this experience, I can help young people make informed choices about their future.

As I complete my first year as Kramer Middle School’s school counselor, I have come to observe that our school lacks STEM initiatives and deeply rooted in our mission, it states that we are a STEM school. My goal for the upcoming school year is to ensure that we are abiding by our mission, exposing students to activities and careers in STEM. Because I have very little experience in science and engineering, this opportunity will provide me with knowledge so that I am more capable of exposing and teaching my students and teachers about science and engineering.

I am coming in this experience with an open mind and a passion for learning. With this experience, I aim to guide and expose my students in careers relating to science and engineering. This experience will help me gain knowledge and witness firsthand the qualities of an astronaut all while connecting and networking with other professionals.