

I want to go to Space Camp for the main reason of wanting to be an astronaut. Ever since I was a young girl, I have been fascinated with space. I used to call the moon “Emmy’s Moon,” me being Emmy, because it was the most beautiful thing then, and I loved watching it. I still do look to the moon and stars every time that I get the chance, and stay up all night to the meteor showers pass by. I am fascinated and comforted by space and this camp would surround me with people that feel the same way and that are just as excited about the new discoveries and progressions.

My school has a program called Student Inquiry Research, which is basically an internship at a chosen university, laboratory, museum, etc. I have chosen to do my research at the University of Chicago, where I study diffuse interstellar bands. This is the same college where I would like to study astronomy or astrophysics as a college major. At Space Camp, I would be able to share my knowledge and studies with other students that would find it intriguing, exciting, and igniting.

By attending Space Camp, I would be provided with a better chance of getting into my top pick for college, which would then aid me in the progression of my dream to be an astronaut. It would also provide a sense of community by being surrounded by other students that are interested in and have the same passions as myself. Overall, I have a similar experience to the real NASA astronauts, and that it something that I would be thrilled and honored to do.