

2006 Space Academy (July 15 – 22, 2006)

**Trip Summary by student Carlos Lopez, MERO 171**

Team: Atlas

Space Camp was really fun. I learned a lot of new things like names of people and different missions the USA has launched.

My week was awesome because we got to simulate a mission like a real space shuttle in which I took the role of payload specialist and flight director. This took a lot of responsibility, leadership, and discipline. We worked as a team and landed the space shuttle back on earth. Although it was a safe landing, we had problems which we fixed with dedication and carefulness.

I met a lot of new friends and we got along pretty well. It was fun to have team activities like the Courage Cup where we had to remember a song, then sing it. We won because we put a lot of effort into it. We also had the Space Bowl, but unfortunately, we did not win although we tried hard.

Our counselors were fun and nice. Now, I understand more about space and would like to learn more about it because it is amazing! All the rides and different simulators were fun. We tried the 1/6 Chair—it was like walking on the moon!

Thanks for giving me this chance. I think it was worth it for you to pay for me to come to learn and enjoy this fun week.

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