

**My Space Academy Experience by Angel Lopez**  
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My Space Academy experience began in the Seattle airport, first I told my parents goodbye. Then I got my bags and found out that Gigi's (Guillermo) plane was delayed, so we had to wait and reroute our flight from Seattle to Detroit, to Seattle to Dallas. We missed our earlier flight because we were still waiting for Gigi. Then when Gigi got to Seattle we could finally be on our way to Huntsville. When we left from Seattle it was about 12:30 p.m. We arrived in Huntsville about 8:00 p.m. Pacific time, which was 10:00 p.m. Alabama time.

Upon arrival in Huntsville we went straight to U.S. Space and Rocket Center and had some dinner. Almost everyone was asleep and soon we did the same. Our dorms were not ready so we slept in another room. The next day we got our dorm rooms assigned and moved in. We had some free time so I went to the store and bought something for my family and friends.

The best experience I had at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center was that I got to meet people from different parts of this country and from around the world. When I said "world," I meant from other countries. There was this group of people that came from Costa Rica. Simulations were another of my best experiences because I got to be a pilot, and being a pilot is a very hard work.

In summary, I would say that this experience was a one-of-a-kind experience. You will learn so much like how the space exploration began and about Russian space history. This was a fun learning experience. Everyone can have fun and learn new things.

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