

# 2024 Department of the Air Force Youth Programs Residential Camps

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## **Residential Camps – completed applications must be submitted by 3 May 2024**

Space Camp Session 1: 21 - 26 July 2024 - US Space & Rocket Center, Huntsville, AL

Space Camp Session 2: 28 July - 2 August 2024 - US Space & Rocket Center, Huntsville, AL

Space Camp Session 3: 4 - 9 August 2024 - US Space & Rocket Center, Huntsville, AL

Teen Aviation Camp: 22 - 28 June 2024 - USAF Academy, Colorado Springs CO

Teen Leadership Camp: 6 - 11 August 2024 - Cheley Colorado Camp Site, Estes Park, CO

## **Eligible Applicants must meet all the following requirements:**

- Dependent of: Department of the Air Force (DAF) Active Duty, Active Duty military assigned to/living on a Department of the Air Force installation or DAF-led Joint Base, Air Force Reserve (AFR), Air Force National Guard (ANG), DoD Civilian Employees (APF or NAF) assigned to/working on a Department of the Air Force installation or DAF-led Joint Base, or Air Force Retirees (on a space available basis)
- Have a valid picture ID (ex. military ID, driver's license, school ID, or passport)
- Have not previously attended the camp for which they are currently applying
- 12 - 18 years of age **NOTE:** High School Graduates are not eligible

## **Priority Consideration for Applicants:**

1. Dependent with a parent/guardian who meets the criteria in item 2 or 3 AND whose parent/ guardian was deployed in support of a contingency operation for a minimum of 30 calendar days within the past six months
2. Dependent of Active Duty Air Force/Space Force or Other Active Duty assigned to/living on DAF installation or DAF-led Joint Base
3. Dependent of AFR or ANG on Title 10 or Title 32 Orders
4. Dependent of AFR or ANG
5. DoD Civilians (APF/NAF) assigned to/working on DAF installation or DAF-led Joint Base
6. Tie Breaker:
  - date of birth, with priority provided to eldest applicants first
  - previous camp attendance, with priority provided to those who have not previously attended
7. SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS: Dependents of Air Force/Space Force Retirees

**Completed PDF applications must be submitted by a PARENT OR GUARDIAN through the DAF Camps workflow box: [AFSVC.SVPY.Camps@us.af.mil](mailto:AFSVC.SVPY.Camps@us.af.mil)**

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are **UNABLE** to access shared and/or cloud-based documents. All applications **MUST** be submitted as an attachment.

Parents should receive an auto-reply message from the workflow box to confirm receipt of the application.

## **US Space & Rocket Center Camp**

Space camp provides youth/teens, ages 12 - 14 & 15 - 18, opportunities to explore careers as astronauts. Youth/Teens may apply for different Academies (see below for descriptions). Space Camp is conducted at the **US Space & Rocket Center**, Huntsville, AL. Limited scholarships for three select sessions are offered: *21 - 26 July 2024, 28 July - 2 August 2024 and 4 - 9 August 2024*. All applicants must be age-eligible for the chosen camp on or before the first day of attendance. Please note, high school graduates are NOT eligible. Applications will be accepted for the following listed space camps:

<b>Session 1: Advanced Space Academy, Ages 15-18, Jul 21-26 2024</b>
<b>Session 1: Space Academy, Ages 12-14, Jul 21-26 2024</b>
<b>Session 1: Aviation Mach III, Ages 15-18, Jul 21-26 2024</b>
<b>Session 1: Aviation Mach II, Ages 12-14, Jul 21-26 2024</b>
<b>Session 2: Advanced Cyber Academy, Ages 15-18, Jul 28 - Aug 2 2024</b>
<b>Session 2: Aviation Mach III, Ages 15-18, Jul 28 - Aug 2 2024</b>
<b>Session 2: Aviation Mach II, Ages 12-14, Jul 28 - Aug 2 2024</b>
<b>Session 2: Space Academy, Ages 12-14, Jul 28 - Aug 2 2024</b>
<b>Session 3: Cyber Academy, Ages 12-14, Aug 4-9 2024</b>
<b>Session 3: Space Academy, Ages 12-14, Aug 4-9 2024</b>

***Space Academy (Jul 21-26, Jul 28-Aug 2 and Aug 4-9), Mach II Aviation (Jul 21-26 and Jul 28-Aug 2) and Cyber (Aug 4-9) Camps for ages 12-14.*** Focus is on aeronautics, propulsion and aviation history with an unmanned aerial vehicle simulator to reinforce lessons learned at static displays and artifacts. The Cyber Camp delves into the world of cyber technologies through blended hands-on experiences and challenges introducing careers in the cyber field.

***Advanced Space Academy (Jul 21-26), Advanced Cyber Academy (Jul 28-Aug 2) and Mach III Aviation (Jul 21-26 and Jul 28-Aug 2) Camps for ages 15-18.*** Reinforces leadership, teamwork and decision-making skills in an immersive F-18 cockpit simulator used for mission planning with real-time data to a command center during mission execution. Additional camp experiences include wilderness survival skills and orienteering.

**Session 1 participants (21 - 26 July 2024)** will arrive in Huntsville, AL no later than 1330 hours on Sunday, 21 July 2024 and must depart no earlier than 1500 hours on Friday, 26 July 2024. The only exception is for OCONUS participants traveling from Asia or Europe; these participants may arrive in Huntsville, AL on Saturday, 20 July 2024.

**Session 2 participants (28 July - 2 August 2024)** will arrive in Huntsville, AL no later than 1330 hours on Sunday, 28 July 2024 and must depart no earlier than 1500 hours on Friday, 2 August 2024. The only exception is for OCONUS participants traveling from Asia or Europe; these participants may arrive in Huntsville, AL on Saturday, 27 July 2024.

**Session 3 participants (4 - 9 August 2024)** will arrive in Huntsville, AL no later than 1330 hours on Sunday, 4 August 2024 and must depart no earlier than 1500 hours on Friday, 9 August 2024. The only exception is for OCONUS participants traveling from Asia or Europe; these participants may arrive in Huntsville, AL on Saturday, 3 August 2024.

*If selected, transportation costs to/from Huntsville, Alabama and spending money are the responsibility of the participants. Lodging, meals, and all program expenses are centrally funded and begin once participants arrive at the camp. US Space & Rocket Space Center camp staff will pick up and drop off campers at the **Huntsville International Airport (HSV)**.*

## Teen Leadership Camp

Teen Leadership camp is for teens aged 14-18 years old who completed their Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior year in high school for the 2023/2024 School Year. The goal of the camp is to build character, leadership, and resilience for young people. Participants will challenge themselves to try new experiences, build a support network of peers and adult advisors, and create a sense of community with other military teens.

Bordering Rocky Mountain National Park, Cheley Colorado Camps is a family owned and operated summer camp. Daily adventures include hiking, intense mountain biking, horseback riding, horse colt training, arts & crafts, woodworking, technical climbing, and archery. The camp setting and program of events offer unique life experiences in a challenging and nurturing natural environment.

Participants will arrive in Denver, Colorado between 0900-1500 hours on Tuesday, 6 August 2023 and must depart before 1400 hours on Sunday, 11 August 2023.

*If selected, transportation costs to/from Denver, Colorado and spending money are the responsibility of the participants. Lodging, meals, and all program expenses are centrally funded and begin once participants arrive at the camp. Cheley Camp staff will pick up and drop off campers at the **Denver International Airport (DEN)**.*

## Teen Aviation Camp at USAF Academy

Teen Aviation camp is for teens aged 14-16 years old who completed their Freshman or Sophomore year in high school for the 2023/2024 School Year. The goal of the camp is to build character, leadership and gain the US Air Force Academy experience. The week-long camp June 22-28 for 9th and 10th grade students will focus on careers in aviation, engineering, science and leadership. Attendees stay at the USAFA prep dorms and use force support squadron facilities while there like the dining facility, fitness center, aero club and bowling center.

Participants will arrive in Colorado Springs, Colorado between 0900-1500 hours on Saturday, 22 June 2024 and must depart before 1400 hours on Friday, 28 June 2024.

*If selected, transportation costs to/from Colorado Springs, Colorado and spending money are the responsibility of the participants. Lodging, meals, and all program expenses are centrally funded and begin once participants arrive at the camp. USAF Academy Youth Programs staff will pick up and drop off campers at the **Colorado Springs International Airport (COS)**.*



For all additional information please contact AFSVC Child and Youth team at [AFSVC.SVPY.Camps@us.af.mil](mailto:AFSVC.SVPY.Camps@us.af.mil)