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Summer Camps at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center

CONCORD, NH – The McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord, NH is offering seven new summer camps for youths, ages five to seventeen, starting in July. Themes range from environmental science to living in space and provide in-depth exploration of astronomy and aeronautics.

Space Adventure Camp: Living in Space, for ages 8 to 12, runs July 5-9 from 9 AM to 3 PM. Participants discover what it is like to be an astronaut by making and eating space food, performing experiments and exploring what it is like to live in space. They will learn about rockets and experience a Mars flight in the Discovery Center's simulated space plane.

Defending Earth, for ages 10 to 14, runs July 12-16 from 9 AM to 3 PM. Students will explore different environments and cycles on Earth to discover how they are changing. Projects include making their own "ice core" and taking a look at tree core samples. This camp's engaging hands-on activities and demonstrations bring Earth Science and conservation to life.

Space Explorer Camp: The Universe, for ages 13-17, runs July 19-24 from 8 PM to 11 PM. Participants will enjoy evenings under the stars and use the Discovery Center's observatory to observe the night sky and take pictures of distant celestial objects. Space Explorer Camp features hands-on activities, demonstrations, theater shows, an overnight at the Discover Center, and more.

Little Astronaut Camp: Space, the Final Frontier, for ages 5-7, will be offered twice, July 19-23 and August 2-6, from 9 AM to 11 AM. Students will discover what it is like to travel through space and engage in creative take-home projects that teach them about space and what it's like to live there.

Rocket Adventure Camp, for ages 8 and up, will run July 26 to 30 from 9 AM to 12 PM. Rocketeers build and launch rockets and discover how rockets fly in this five-day hands-on camp. Participants can take home their own rocket at the end of camp. Planetarium theater experiences are also included.

Aviation Adventure Camp, for ages 10 to 14, will run August 9-13 from 9 AM to 3 PM. Participants will use flight simulators, topographical maps, and airplane models to learn about the mechanics of flying airplanes in this five-day, hands-on camp that includes a field trip to a local airport. The fifth day will feature a short actual flight (weather permitting).

Space is limited. Call (603) 271-7827 for more details, pricing or to reserve a spot. Extended care from 3 PM to 6 PM is available for certain camps.

The new McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center features 21st century interactive exhibits on aviation, astronomy, Earth and space sciences, a state-of-the-art planetarium and a variety of science, technology, engineering and math programs. The engaging, robust educational programs are geared towards families, teens, seniors, students, community groups, and lifelong learners. For more information, visit www.starhop.com.



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