Dear Parents and Students,

SDSBVI invites your child to participate in the opportunity to attend space camp. Please read the information below, and if interested fill out the application and return the essay to the address provided at the bottom of the application form. SDSBVI will choose the students based on essay and interest. SDSBVI will provide up to four chaperones which will allow the possibility for 12 students to attend.

Science enrichment programs available are Space Camp for Grades 4-6 and Space Academy for Grades 7-12 in the fall of 2016.

These exciting programs and activities are designed to educate young people about aviation and the space program. Camp and Academy sessions are designed around simulated space missions conducted in Space Shuttle orbiter mockups. Trainees learn the basics of shuttle operation, the science and history of the space program, leadership skills, and teamwork. They also use authentic simulators to experience the sensations of astronaut training and they live in a simulated space station.

Trainees are placed on teams. Every student is assigned a different role for each mission. Hands-on training and mission practice, both generalized and specialized according to assignments, encompass many trainee hours. Briefings and lectures, conducted by astronauts and other guest speakers, enhance the learning experience. Trainees also take part in various microgravity activities. They will tour Rocket Park, the world's most comprehensive collection of rocketry. Materials are available in braille and large print. One afternoon they will attend a film at the Spacedome Theater which features a 67-foot dome screen.

An application is attached. A complete application packet will include an essay by the student and information from the parents. Students should also pursue other sources of financial support. Students should function close to grade level for reading, math and science and be independent in activities of daily living.

**Approximate Cost:** $1400-1800 (which includes airfare, luggage fee's, meals, SCIVIS Program)

Additional information about SCIVIS is available on their website at: [http://www.tsbvi.edu/space/index.htm](http://www.tsbvi.edu/space/index.htm)

For further information, please contact: Indira Dillon, SDSBVI
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South Dakota Application

Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students (SCIVIS)

Please check one:

_______ Space Camp (Gr. 4-6 in fall 2016) _______ Space Academy (Gr. 7-12 in fall 2016)

Name: ___________________________ Gender: _______ DOB: _____ Age: ____ Grade: ___

Address: __________________________ City: __________________________

State:______ Zip:___________ Phone#: __________________________

Student's E-mail: __________________________ Parent/Guardian E-mail. __________________________

Does student use: ______ Braille ________ large print _______ auditory _______ reg. print

What grade level is student functioning at for: reading _______ math _______

Describe student's vision (diagnosis, functional ability, age onset)

Describe any physical disabilities or special needs of the student (seizures, dietary restrictions, behaviors, etc.)

List the student's medications (including vitamins) and any shots needed:

Previous overnight camp or training programs attended:

If none, has student been away from home overnight before? Describe:

Name of person completing application __________________________ Phone# ______________

Willingness to present short presentation to the Foundation after return trip?: Yes / No

Applications and Essays are due by January 31, 2016.

You will be notified by February 1, 2016 if you are selected to attend. Outreach staff is asking The SD Foundation for the Blind & Visually Impaired to partially sponsor students selected. Selected students will be expected to do some fundraising to help raise funds.

Mail this form to:

Outreach Department
SDSBVI 423 17th Avenue SE
Aberdeen SD 57401-7699

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