



SUMMER 2023
SPACE STEM CAMP
APPLICATION
Due April 15, 2023

Thank you for your interest in the first Chautauqua County Space STEM Camp, to be held July 17 - 21, 2023, at Falconer Central Schools and the Martz-Kohl Observatory in Frewsburg, NY. The day camp is open to students residing in Chautauqua County entering grades 6 - 9 in the 2023-24 school year.

Directions: Please review and complete the entire form. A parent or guardian should complete the information sections. The student is required to answer the five questions on their own and indicate by signing the application that they are the author of the written responses. This can be completed on the computer or by printing a hard copy.

Due Date: The completed form and payment is due no later than April 15, 2023. Applications can be sent via email to mplumb@falconerschools.org with the subject line "Space STEM Camp Application," or mailed to/dropped off at Falconer Central Schools, 2 East Avenue North, Falconer NY 14733. Mailed/delivered applications must be received (not postmarked) by April 15, 2023.

Teacher Recommendation: The teacher recommendation form ([LINKED HERE](#)) should be provided to the teacher as soon as possible, so the teacher is able to return the form via email to mplumb@falconerschools.org by April 15, 2023.

Payment: A \$20 application fee is required with the application. There are two payment options for the fee. Refunds will be processed if a student does not receive a camp slot.

- 1) PayPal (includes a \$1 processing fee) via the Martz-Kohl Observatory Website:
<https://martzobservatory.org/stem-pay>
- 2) Pay via check payable to: MMMAA, Inc. (Marshal Martz Memorial Astronomical Association, Inc.) and mailed for receipt by April 15, 2023 to:
MMAAA, Inc.
P.O. Box 14, 176 Robbin Hill Road
Frewsburg, NY 14738-0014

Selection criteria: We anticipate more applicants than we have space to offer. We are offering 25 camper slots. A waiting list will be established, and if space opens, we will notify people on the waiting list. Those not securing slots will be refunded the \$20 deposit. Selection criteria include:

- 1) A completed application and all required information is provided by the due date
- 2) \$20 application fee is received by the due date
- 3) An effort will be made to include representation from as many school districts as possible
- 4) Student written responses to questions in the application
- 5) Teacher recommendation (Email this [LINK](#) to a teacher you have this year, who will complete the recommendation. The teacher must complete the recommendation using their school email address by April 15, 2023.)
- 6) Student Zoom interview will be scheduled in mid-April. Students should be prepared to speak in more detail about their written answers to application questions. Interviews will be approximately 10 minutes long.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Full Name	
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)	Home Phone:
Street Address:	
City:	Zip Code:
T Shirt Size: (circle one) YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL	Gender:

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Full Name:	
Parent/Guardian Street Address:	
City:	Zip Code:
Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone Number:	
Parent/Guardian Email Address:	

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RECORD INFORMATION:

School District of Record in Chautauqua County:	
Grade in 2023-24:	Name of Private School or Home School?
School Phone Number:	
School Health Office Number:	
School Guidance Office Number:	
School Guidance Office Point of Contact (Name):	
Name of Teacher Completing the Recommendation:	
School Email Address of the Teacher Completing the Recommendation:	

STUDENT HEALTH INFORMATION :

NOTE, there will not be a nurse on campus during camp. Staff trained in First Aid /CPR.

Physician's Name:	Physician's Office Name:
Physician's Office Phone Number:	
Immunizations: Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Up to date and on file at school <input type="checkbox"/> Not up to date <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of private/home school student vaccination/immunization record is included with the application and meets the requirements of attending public school (Please check with your physician's office if you have questions. Falconer's head nurse will review the vaccination/immunization record.)	Does the student: <input type="checkbox"/> Have allergies? <input type="checkbox"/> Wear glasses/contacts? <input type="checkbox"/> Have physical/mental health issues that the camp staff needs to be aware of? <input type="checkbox"/> Have meds they are allowed to self-administer during camp? If any boxes are checked, Ms. Plumb will call parent/guardian to discuss.

*More specific necessary health information will be required once accepted.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

By filling out and submitting this application, you are acknowledging that language regarding the following items will be sent for your signature to secure your slot at camp once you are notified:

- Permission for your child to participate in all scheduled activities at camp
- Assumption of Risk
- Release and Hold Harmless Agreement
- Additional necessary medical information to ensure camp staff is informed of your child's needs
- Authorization for Medical Care
- Code of Conduct (to be signed by parent/guardian and student)
- Acceptable Use Policy (for the student's proper use of technology, to be signed by parent/guardian and student)
- Request for permission to use student photos/videos/work in public media (social media, newspaper, radio, websites, printed art, etc.) and to promote the camp in subsequent years. You will be able to opt out of this if desired, we just need permission on file.

PARENT/GUARDIAN EXPECTATIONS:

By filling out and submitting this application, you are indicating that you will support your child's participation in the Space STEM Camp, should they receive a camp slot. This will include but not be limited to:

- Providing or arranging transportation to Falconer Central Schools at the start of the day, and picking up your child in a timely manner at Falconer or Frewsburg at the end of the camp day.
- Ensuring your child has a packed lunch daily (except Wednesday).
- Maintaining cordial and timely communication with camp staff, nearly all of whom are volunteering their time to make this amazing opportunity possible!
- Being flexible with weather-based changes in night observation schedules.
- Working with camp staff to ensure your child's success, by supporting camp/school-appropriate behavior at all times.
- Working with camp staff to ensure this new exciting academic adventure is a success for the students of our county.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

I verify I have read the information contained above and in the FAQs (see observatory website), and the information contained in this application is true and correct.

Parent/Guardian Name:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:

STUDENT APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

Student applicants should answer these questions in their own words, in 100 words or less per question. While an adult can help proofread if desired, the ideas and wording should be the work of the applicant. A copy should be kept to prepare for the Zoom interview. If you choose to handwrite these responses, please do so on a separate piece of paper if there is not enough space in the boxes below.

1) When you look up at the stars at night, what do you wonder?

2) Describe something original you would like to create, that would improve the life of someone you care about.

3) When you work in a small group, what role do you take on? *Examples include leader, follower, questioner, team builder, motivator, but could also be something else.* Choose ONE and describe how your group would describe you in that role.

4) Which character from a book, movie, etc., would you want to be like, and why?
5) Who in your daily life has had the most impact on you and why?
6) Why do you want to attend Space STEM Camp?

STUDENT SIGNATURE:

By signing below, I am verifying that I answered the above questions in my own words and that the ideas are my own.

Student Full Name:	
Student Signature:	Date:

CHECKLIST:

- FAQs posted at martzobservatory.org reviewed
- Application completed legibly
- [Teacher recommendation form](#) forwarded to a teacher at their school email address, to be returned to Ms. Plumb by the teacher.
- Application submitted for receipt either to mplumb@falconerschools.org or delivered, in hand (not postmarked) no later than April 15, 2023, to
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 - ~OR~**
 - \$21 (\$1 processing fee) via PayPal at <https://martzobservatory.org/stem-pay>
 - Name of student applicant is in the memo field of the payment.
- For private/home school children, include immunization records with the application.
- Week of July 17 - 21 penciled in on your home calendar

Thank you!