

Project X NASA Camp

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Evaluation response rates:

95 Parents (35%),
47 Campers (17%)

NASA Camp is a two-week experience designed to extend STEM educational opportunities beyond the academic year. NASA camp strives to nurture academic engagement through problem-based and project-based learning activities (learning is fun) and serves as a model for classroom instruction that is leveraged by our educators.

STRENGTHS and SUCCESSES



Parents' overall impressions were positive. Most parents appreciated the full day (versus half day) schedule and remarked that field trips were a hit with their children.



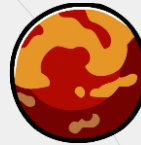
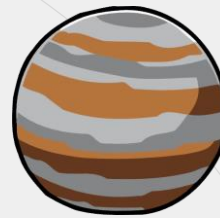
Over 70% of campers reported having lots of fun and would recommend NASA camp to friends. Campers at all levels enjoyed field trips.

OPPORTUNITIES for GROWTH



Parents would appreciate more communication prior to camp (e.g., email reminders, curriculum overview, and online registration/confirmation)

NASA Camp was
Enjoyable for
Campers and
Parents



RECOMMENDATIONS



Parents recommend a bit more focus on scientific principles and improvement with respect to transportation logistics.



Elementary school campers recommend NASA Camp be longer than four days. Campers at all levels recommended more PBLs built into the curriculum.

* Project X is a four-year U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) Investing in Innovation (i3) grant awarded to School District X in 2014. In collaboration with key partners, X will use the award to develop and validate an innovative integrated K-12 STEM pipeline approach. One component of the K-12 STEM pipeline approach is an annual National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Camp.