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Why do you bring your students to AstroCamp?
Our school has sent its fifth graders to AstroCamp for about six or seven consecutive years. AstroCamp presents a great opportunity for our own students to experience fun and educational activities. It gives them a chance to experience time together in a great setting!

What do you feel is the value of the Astrocamp program for your school?
AstroCamp's science program is a terrific follow-up and enhancement to our fifth grade science curriculum. The counselors are thoroughly knowledgeable in physics and astronomy. They deliver instruction with fun and hands-on activities.
– Jim Wong, 5th Grade Teacher

Why do you bring your students to AstroCamp?
It is an excellent opportunity for our students to learn about science, to participate in hands-on activities, and to build self-confidence and independence.

What do you feel is the value of the Astrocamp program for your school?
It provides an opportunity for our students to grow as students and individuals, which then prepares our fifth graders to make the transition to middle school.
– Noel

Why do you bring your students to AstroCamp?
Our school is all about learning experiences and AstroCamp provides them with an experience of a lifetime in a place where many have never been before.

What do you feel is the value of the Astrocamp program for your school?
The AstroCamp program is a marketing tool. We are the only school in the district who comes and parents send their children to us for the opportunity.
– Dr. Terri Matteson, Principal
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Our school has been sending students here for 16 years... I have continued because it is a wonderful experience for our students. Many of our students don’t ever leave Kingman. One girl — new to our school this year, shared that she made new friends (her bunkmates). I also think it's a safe place to work through some fears.

This program reinforces both 7th and 8th grade science standards. With the addition of the NGSS/Engineering classes this is huge for me. The students are also exposed to young people who are passionate about their fields. That passion isn't taught, it's shared, passed on.
- Celeste L.

We bring our students so they can have unique experiences that many have never had before. They get a chance to learn about science along with challenging themselves personally along with working with their classmates in a team setting.

Our students get to challenge themselves personally, as a team and educationally. They love coming and always wish it was longer. NOT GIVEN
- Kristin

AstroCamp has been a 5th grade tradition for years. It was once a 'school-run' field trip but now it is a 'parent-run' trip which has a huge following. We have kids on a waitlist currently through 2022!

It's a fun affordable trip that is not too far from home that teaches science! There are huge benefits to giving kids time outside to be active too!
- Ashley

AstroCamp provides an escape from the traditional classroom. Students are exposed to real life problem solving lessons in a fun, safe, and interactive environment.

AstroCamp is a valuable experience that keeps kids engaged from morning to lights out. The experience can't be replicated in a traditional classroom.
- Stacy Ayers, Principal
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This quote sums it up: "I want to stay at AstroCamp forever" is quoted every year by the kids. AstroCamp provides an experience for kids that cannot be duplicated in class or by other camps.

AstroCamp challenges the kids individually, taking the student outside of their comfort zone in a fun environment.
- Foggella

It allows for students to be engaged in scientific discoveries in a real world setting. Students work with real scientists to learn what it means to think like and be like a scientist.

The program is standards based and is an incredible experience for the students to be given hands-on experience, fosters team-building and a love for science.
- Vena /Angela

*Learn about science and astronomy in the real world experience of the mountains and nature. *Develop independence, responsibility and life skills in our students.

An excellent opportunity to experience the wonders of nature, science and astronomy in a beautiful environment.
- Fawad M. S

It is a tradition at St. Irenaeus Parish School to give our 8th grade students the opportunity to attend AstroCamp. The students thoroughly enjoy the program and look forward to this experience.

AstroCamp provided the value of teamwork and critical thinking for our students. They were challenged through various interactive activities. It provides a wonderful bonding experience for our 8th graders in their last year together as a class.
- Deanna

Great, exciting, hands-on science classes and fun, knowledgeable instructors!
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To do standards-based outdoor activities that engage student. GDI staff and program always ensure learning happens in a fun and exciting way! GDI has the best programs around that are well run.

It allows us to impress potential student parents with our "enrichment" activities for science/technology. It increases the breadth of our STEM activities. NOT GIVEN NOT GIVEN

Students have fun while learning, they build leadership skills, and get to get out in nature.

It is a great way for students to have hands on learning while having a lot of fun! NOT NOT GIVEN

My first time to AstroCamp and the experience has exceeded my expectations. I wanted my 5th grade son to experience a science camp and make memories of a lifetime. Thank you AstroCamp!

I think the hands on science experience, team work and taste of independence is a winning combination. P.S. The staff is wonderful!
- Temecula

AstroCamp provides hands on science experience that helps the students internalize what they may have learned in the classroom.

Being away from home and bonding with their peers is a fantastic part of camp. It also teaches kids the importance of working in teams and the value of trusting your mates.
- Rafael

I love the hands on learning, the labs that have resources and technology that I don't have at school, and the fun team building activities.

The students actively engaging in the outdoors, and learning about space.
- Jubilee Christian
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We bring our students to Astrocamp for a fun and engaging science-based and teambuilding experience. Students love it!

The Astrocamp program brings student-accessible tangibility to the science of astronomy. It is a fascinating topic for our students to learn and it is fantastic that we can bring them here to learn it in such an engaging way.

The courses covered meet our standards. It is a great learning experience. The camp is fun and well run.

Hands on experience. Trial and error projects --- engineering aspect. Bonding for our students.
- D'Alene Kim/Carly

We bring our students to Astrocamp year after year because they offer the complete camp experience with opportunities for students to grow personally and academically. From team-building in Initiatives to challenging themselves in the ropes courses our students test their perseverance and grit. They get their intellectual needs met through the wealth of hands-on, minds-on classes.

Our 5th grade students always look forward to AstroCamp. Their program compliments and extends the science I teach in class through their hands-on activities. The Astronomy classes taken here serve as a launching point for my Astronomy Unit back at school.
- Lee

For the past 12 years it has been a Las Palmas tradition to take the brightest and well-behaved 8th grade students to experience AstroCamp. The education and experience is something that they will carry with them for years. The learning that takes place at Astrocamp is not only fun, but it prepares them for the 9th grade science state test and they also learn valuable life skills as well.

The students that get the privilege of experiencing AstroCamp tend to do well in science, but the excitement they come back with may ignite a passion for science that could lead them on a pathway to the sciences in the future! Science Rules!
- Las Palmas
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Year after year our school has an exceptional time at AstroCamp. The instructors are engaging, entertaining, organized, kind, and make STEM look super cool! The administration is helpful and provides plenty of communication to properly organize. The kids have an amazing time and don't even know how much their brains are learning.

It is a tradition now at our school, and the kids look forward to it from their early elementary years on to 5th grade. We try to schedule it before their Science CST’s to help bolster their confidence and depth of knowledge.

-Molly

To give our students an outdoor experience.

The classes are great visual representations of the science they learn. It's an ideal science class.

-Sapienza

We love that students can challenge themselves in a safe, supportive, fun environment. The instructors are role models in terms of loving learning, being passionate about their subject, but also equally supportive of and invested in people and community building.

The students come together to support and encourage each other. They extend their understanding of science. They leave with pride, knowing they've tried new things and met challenges.

-Jessie

"The instructors possess a level of experience in the subject matter that I cannot match... and they have an enviable tool chest of toys to rivet the kids' attention!"

-Fairburn

To get excited about science. To experience things that we cannot duplicate in the public school classroom.

Social bonding. Learning the value of science and where it fits in the world.
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- Plukas

"AstroCamp is a great way to encourage self development and develop independence. The students are empowered to take care of themselves. It also allows students to experience science outside the traditional classroom."

"AstroCamp teaches students how and why things happen in a fun and engaging manner. The instructors take the students inquisitive minds and allows them to explore through experimentation."
- Michelle

"I bring students so that they may experience many of the hands-on activities we simply cannot do in the classroom setting. "Many students experience their first "'away from home'' trip at AstroCamp. They get the opportunity to understand a more independent couple of days. Add in the excellent curriculum, staff, and amenities and this turns into the best field study of the year."
- Hillcrest

"I brought me students to AstroCamp because it is a traditional our school. Our kids look forward to building and blasting rockets, zip-lining, and star gazing!"

"AstroCamp is a valuable experience at our school because my students are exposed to things they would never be able to experience otherwise, like stargazing through a $10,000 telescope and blowing up hydrogen!" Summerland Hughes

"AstroCamp is a fantastic way to provide our students with hands-on learning as it relates to physical and space science. Our kids love it!"

Our students learn a lot of great content from the program.
- Robert

AstroCamp is a hands-on, science based camp. Our students love and enjoy experiments and adventures and Astrocamp fits that experience.Hands-On Science lessons.
- Myers