

Applications open for Young Astronaut Training Camp 2024

The nomination for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department's Young Astronaut Training Camp 2024 is now open for local secondary schools until May 31. Selected participants will experience astronaut training on the Mainland free of charge this summer to learn about space science, astronomy and China's aerospace achievements.

The nine-day training camp will run from late July to early August. The itinerary includes visiting major aerospace facilities such as Beijing Aerospace City and the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center. In addition to these visits, participants will be able to meet aerospace experts and astronauts on the Mainland and attend lectures on space science and aerospace technology. They will also participate in astronaut training activities including the donning and doffing of spacesuits, psychological training and blood-redistribution adaptability training. Upon completion of the activities, they will sit an examination to test their knowledge acquired and receive certificates.

The quota for the training camp is 30. Candidates should be full-time students currently enrolled in Secondary 2 to Secondary 6 for the 2023/24 academic year, aged 12 or above and be nominated by their respective schools. Each school can nominate no more than two students. There will be three rounds of selection – a quiz, a pre-tour training camp and an interview. Candidates who achieve outstanding performance will be selected to join the camp.

The training camp is jointly presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce in association with the Beijing-Hong Kong Academic Exchange Centre. The training camp is implemented by the Hong Kong Space Museum and sponsored by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

For details, please visit the Hong Kong Space Museum website at hk.space.museum/en/web/spm/activities/yatc.html or call 2734 2765.

The camp is also one of the activities in the Chinese Culture Promotion Series. The LCSD has long been promoting Chinese history and culture through organising an array of programmes and activities to enable the public to learn more about the broad and profound Chinese culture. For more information, please visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ccpo/index.html.