This year’s dates for the Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students (SCIVIS) are Oct. 1 to Oct. 5, 2023 (travel day Oct. 6)

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Dan Oates serves as the coordinator for SCIVIS 2023 and is looking forward to your participation. This is our 33rd year for coordinating the program.

1. **NOAH must receive the completed application packet by July 22, 2023.** To be considered for the scholarship, complete the entire packet. One scholarship can be awarded for the SCIVIS. Transportation to and from Huntsville and other expenses are the responsibility of the family.

2. Students who are eligible for services for the visually impaired and / or have a diagnosis of albinism are eligible to compete for the scholarship. Being a NOAH member is preferred. Membership is free and can be found at [www.albinism.org/join](http://www.albinism.org/join).

3. A teacher of the visually impaired, classroom aide, mobility instructor, etc. who can serve as chaperones for the trip may accompany the winner with at no cost. The chaperone will serve in a technical assistant capacity therefore must be familiar with children with visual impairments. Parents cannot be chaperones.

4. **Space Camp** is an exciting learning experience for children, it is also physically and emotionally demanding. The schedule begins about 7 AM and ends about 9 or 10 PM. Independent living skills such as bed making, hygiene, eating skills, etc. are a must. Rooms are inspected daily and need to be kept clean and orderly. Please consider those qualifications before applying.

All students should bring their telescopes, magnifiers and other low vision devices. Braille and large print are provided. **If you are a cane traveler, you must bring your cane. This is not an option.** Adaptations for speech and screen enlargement software for Advanced Academy Mission Control are provided the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. We will attempt to have CCTVs and other devices on the training room floor.

SCUBA diving is available to those students in Advanced Academy only. Diving is contingent upon the diver’s health the day of the scheduled dive. The medical staff at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center has the final word. No exceptions!

Students applying to the Advanced Academy program should excel in science and math classes and be strongly considering college as a post-graduate alternative. Students can earn one college credit for completion of the Advanced Academy program for up to three years of attendance. **Keyboarding skills are a must for this program.**

If you have questions, Dan Oates can be reached at 304-851-5680 or scivis.oates@gmail.com

**GOOD LUCK!**
APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SELECTION TO THE
NOAH SCIVIS SCHOLARSHIP

1. ESSAY 1

1A. For students applying to Space Camp (grades 4-6) Select one of the planets in our solar system. Within your essay discuss the date of the discovery, the astronomer who discovered it and what would happen to you if you lived there. Answers must be at least one page written and no longer than two pages or for Braille, at least two pages and no longer than four pages.

1B. For students applying to Space Academy (grades 7-9) or Robotics (grades 4-6) Select a prominent figure in the field of aerospace technology or robotics, i.e. astronaut, scientist, engineer and discuss his/her contribution to the Space Program. Also discuss where they are today and list their educational history; degrees, schools attended. Answers must be at least one page written and no longer than two pages or for Braille, at least two pages and no longer than four pages.

1C. For students applying to the Advanced Academy only, Select one of the crewed space missions, either Russian or American since 1990 and discuss three mission objectives. Also list the crew and discuss if you thought the mission objectives were successfully achieved. Answers must be at least one page written and no longer than two pages or for Braille, at least two pages and no longer than four pages.

1D. For students applying to the Aviation Challenge, MACH 1 (grades 4-6) Select one jet fighter aircraft and explain why you would like to learn to fly this aircraft. Include a picture of the aircraft, either a photograph or hand-drawn and state where it is best used. Answers must be at least one page written and no longer than two pages or for Braille, at least two pages and no longer than four pages.

1E. For students applying to the Aviation Challenge, MACH 2 (grades 7-9) Select a prominent figure in the field of aviation, such as a pilot, researcher, pioneer, etc. and discuss his/her contribution. Also discuss where they are today and list their educational history, such as degrees and schools attended. Answers must be at least one page written and no longer than two pages or for Braille, at least two pages and no longer than four pages.

1F. For students applying to the Aviation Challenge, MACH 3 (grades 10-12) Select one of the wars or conflicts in which aviation played a major role. Describe the aircraft involved and its impact upon the war. Answers must be at least one page written and no longer than two pages or for Braille, at least two pages and no longer than four pages.

2. ESSAY 2 – Please describe your visual condition or why you do not see well. In living with this condition, please explain some of the positive and negative aspects that you encounter during a regular day at home and at school. Answers must be at least one page written and no longer than two pages or for Braille, at least two pages and no longer than four pages.

3. Questionnaire - The following page contains items to be rated on a scale of 1 to 10. Two forms; one by the teacher and one from the parent or guardian must be completed. The scholarship committee will carefully consider all applications and essays so please adhere to the criteria. Points will be given for each area and selection will be based solely on a point basis.
NOAH Space Camp
Questionnaire – 2023

Please copy this form. One form must be filled out by the parent/guardian and another filled out by the child’s teacher of the visually impaired. If the child does not have a teacher of the visually impaired, a science or math teacher can be substituted. **TWO FORMS ARE REQUIRED!**

STUDENT NAME: _____________________________________________________________

This form is being filled out by:

TEACHER _____________________________________________________________

OR

PARENT/GUARDIAN: ______ ____________________________

Name

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE OF THE NUMBERS BELOW FOR EACH ITEM
Score 1 = low, 10 = high

Completess homework or responsibilities at home in a timely fashion?
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

How organized is the student?
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

How well does the student utilize unstructured time?
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

How independent is this student?
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

How would you rate this student as a leader with his or her peers?
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Complete application packet **MUST be received** by July 22, 2023.
NOAH Space Camp
Application – 2023

NAME: ____________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: _________________________________________________________

CITY: __________________________ STATE: _______ ZIP: ___________________

HOME PHONE: ______________________ PARENT’S WORK PHONE: ______________

EMAIL ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________

GRADE ENROLLED, FALL 2023: ________________________________ DOB: __________

SCHOOL PRESENTLY ATTENDING: ________________________________________

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED SPACE CAMP? PLEASE LIST YEARS AND PROGRAMS ATTENDED

________________________________________________________________________

NAME OF THE PERSON MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH YOUR VISION PROBLEM, (i.e. vision teacher, resource room teacher, special education director, etc.) ________________________________

PLEASE LIST THE ABOVE PERSON’S ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER:

________________________________________________________________________

REASON FOR VISUAL LOSS (Include eye condition and other pertinent information. Please be specific):

________________________________________________________________________

VISUAL ACUITY: OD: _________ OS: _________ OU: _________

OTHER HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS, (Please be specific, shunt, etc.): ________________________________

____________________________________________________

Primary Reading Mode: BRAILLE: ___ LARGE PRINT: ___ REG. PRINT: ___ TAPE: ___

Applying For: Camp: ___ Academy: ___ Adv. Acad.: ___ AC MACH 1: ___ MACH 2: ___ MACH III ___ or Robotics ___

(grade 4-6) (grade 7-9) (grade 10-12) (grades 4-6) (grade 7-9) (grade 10-12) (grade 4-6)

____________________________________________________

Parent or Guardian's Signature __________________________ Date __________________

Complete application packet MUST be received by July 22, 2023.
Dear Scholarship Applicant:

NOAH is offering this unique opportunity to a child who is blind or visually impaired who has a diagnosis of albinism. Criteria for applying for the application should include:

1. A better than average interest in math, science and space science.
2. Attain good grades.
3. Be at least 10 years old and in the fourth grade.
5. Meet eligibility requirements for services for blind and visually impaired as determined by state regulations. Advanced Academy participants, (grades 10-12), must be seriously considering a college education.
6. All applications, forms and essays must be received before July 22, 2023.
7. Once selected the winner is responsible for registration and submitting all materials to Space Camp in a timely manner.

For your best chance at selection, your packet should include:

   1. Completed Team Application
   2. Essay 1
   3. Essay 2
   4. Questionnaire from Teacher
   5. Questionnaire from Parent/Guardian

If you are interested in winning this scholarship you must strictly follow the instructions above and return to the address listed by July 22, 2023. The winner will join approximately 150 other students with visual disabilities from the United States and other countries in Huntsville, Alabama, Oct. 1 to Oct. 5, 2023. Spending money, transportation cost and other cost are the responsibility of the scholarship winner.

We would love to have you as part of the camp this year, but your application does require some work and time. So, if you are interested, get busy and return everything by July 22, 2023.

Complete application packet MUST be received by July 22, 2023. Application may be sent via postal mail, email, or fax as detailed below:

POSTAL MAIL:
SCIVIS Scholarship Application
NOAH
P.O. Box 959
E. Hampstead, NH 03826-0959

FAX: 603-887-6049

EMAIL: info@albinism.org