

# 4-H Night at NASA

## Program Overview



### **What are the event dates?**

March 7-8, 2026

### **Where will this event be held?**

NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC), Houston  
2101 E NASA Pkwy, Houston, TX 77058

### **Registration Process (for all youth and adults attending)**

1. Go to 4HOnline and register between December 15 and January 15. The event title is: 2026 Texas 4-H Night at NASA.
2. Each **youth** and **adult** participant must **individually** submit a registration on 4HOnline. This verifies that all registrants are approved 4-H members and adult volunteers.
3. Once you submit the registration, you will automatically be emailed a link to register and pay for the event on JSC's registration portal.
4. Please note that all registrations will remain as "Pending" at the state level until youth are confirmed to have an approved adult chaperone.
5. Space is limited.

### **How much will this event cost?**

\$10 per person Texas 4-H fee

\$79.95 per person JSC fee (same for youth and adults)

### **Who can attend?**

Actively enrolled Texas 4-H members (Jr, Int, and Sr ages) and screened/approved 4-H adults. All 4-H members must be accompanied by a screened/approved 4-H adult chaperone. Sorry, no Clover Kids.

### **What time will it end?**

Once we have completed the morning tram tour, the 4-H program will officially end and you will be on your own to explore the exhibits at your own pace. You can stay as long as you like and depart at a time of your choosing.

### **What activities are planned?**

Participants will take part in STEM-based activities (youth only), have an astronaut guest speaker, be taken on a guided tram tour of rocket park, and explore the center's space exhibits. See schedule on the last page.

### **Where can I find even more specific details about this overnight experience?**

Space Center Houston has its own FAQ page dedicated to overnight programs. The page linked below provides many more details about the overnight experience. It references "scouting overnight" in some places, which is mostly the same program as our 4-H event.

<https://spacecenter.org/education-programs/overnight-experiences/#faq>

### **What forms are required in order to attend?**

All participants will be required to complete Space Center Houston's forms online during the registration process. All required Extension/4-H forms will be available in the 4HOnline registration process. If you are chaperoning someone else's child and he/she is taking any kind of medication, the chaperone is advised to follow best practices outlined in the Procedures for Handling Medications document. Other forms that chaperones may need pertaining to medicines can be found on our Programs for Minors page:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/minors/>

### **Are meals included in the registration fee?**

Saturday supper and Sunday breakfast will be provided. Those with dietary restrictions or allergies will be able to make those requests during the registration process.

### **How will 4-H members be chaperoned?**

Due to the unique sleeping arrangements at this facility, all 4-H members must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. The 4-H program will not be providing any chaperones; therefore, youth are not allowed to be dropped off without a designated parent/guardian. **All adults (and youth) must register on 4HOnline. Please note, it could take up to 2 weeks to get background screening completed, so non-enrolled adults should plan to re-enroll immediately and complete the required training steps.** When tent camping, only family units may sleep in the same tent.

### **Where will we be sleeping?**

There will be two primary options for sleeping arrangements, indoors and outdoors. There is also a registration option for staying offsite.

#### Indoor "Camping" (inside the museum)

Participants will have assigned locations inside the center, which will be outlined during the event. Indoor setup will take place toward the end of the evening. Please leave your bedding materials inside the car until the end of the night. What to bring is outlined in the FAQ. The Space Center's lead instructor will direct you to your assigned location the night of the event, after the center closes.

#### Outdoor Tent Camping

You may choose to sleep outside in a tent underneath their SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket that has flown to space twice or under the historic shuttle carrier aircraft that ferried space shuttles 223 times. Please be aware that if you decide on outdoor sleeping you will be setting up your tent immediately after check-in (the 4:45-5:30 PM time period).

If you choose this option, you must bring your own tent as well as necessary bedding. Tent sizes and other details are outlined in the JSC FAQ. We recommend that if you are planning to sleep outdoors, that you arrive closer to 4:45 PM to ensure you have enough time to pitch your tent before the program begins. Again, more specific details can be found on the JSC FAQ web page. Note that there tends to be a heavy dew that forms outside of tents plus condensate from breathing can accumulate inside the tent overnight. Plan accordingly by packing gear in plastic bags overnight and then stowing your tent in bags on your way home. Be sure to air dry your tent completely when you get home.

**No indoor or outdoor cooking is allowed.**

### **Accommodations**

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact program coordinator Derrick Bruton via email at [d-bruton@tamu.edu](mailto:d-bruton@tamu.edu) or at 972.952.9264. Requests for accommodation should be made on 4HOnline at the time of registration.

Please thoroughly review this information above and on the JSC FAQ page. There is a lot of information that should help answer any questions you may have. If questions remain unanswered, please feel free to contact me. We look forward to seeing everyone in Houston!

### **Contact**

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## **Tentative Itinerary**

### March 7, 2026

- 4:45 PM – Check-In (at Ticket Booth or Front of Center depending on final numbers)
- 4:50 PM – Guests Enter Through Gate near Ticket Booth to Independence Plaza; Outdoor sleepers begin tent setup in Independence Plaza
- 5:30 PM - All guests must be checked in
- 5:30 PM – Doors Open for Group A in Mission Briefing Center
- 5:40 PM – Welcome Show for Group A in Mission Briefing Center
- 5:50 PM – Doors Open for Group B in Destiny Theater
- 6:00 PM – Astronaut Q&A for Group A in Mission Briefing Center | Welcome Show for Group B in Destiny Theater
- 6:20 PM – Dinner for Group B in Food Lab
- 7:00 PM – Astronaut Q&A for Group B in Mission Briefing Center | Dinner for Group A in Food Lab
- 7:20 PM – Product Sales Begin at Guest Services
- 7:40 PM – Activities Begin for Group A
- 8:00 PM – Activities Begin for Group B
- 9:00 PM – Product Sales End at Guest Services
- 10:00 PM – Rocket Launch in Apollo Lot B, Shuttle Lot B, or Bus Parking Lot (location dependent on overnight vehicle placement)
- 10:20 PM – All Groups Prepare for Bed in Sleeping Areas
- 11:10 PM – Lights Out

### March 8, 2026

- 6:45 AM – Wake-Up, Pack, and Load Gear into Vehicles
- 7:30 AM – Breakfast
- 8:20 AM – Moonwalkers in Space Center Theater
- 9:30 AM – Closing Announcements
- 9:40 AM – Tram Tour of NASA Johnson Space Center (Building 9 and Rocket Park)

The 4-H program officially concludes when your tram tour has concluded. Upon return to the main building, you are free to spend as much time as you like in the exhibits and gift shop. You are free to leave at any time after you return from your tram tour.