
May 9, 2017

Rising Scholar Academy of South Texas Engineering Residential Summer Camp

Dear Students and Parents,

Texas A&M University Kingsville Rio Grande Valley Engineering Initiative partnered with Rising Scholar Academy of South Texas to offer a Residential Engineering Summer Camp for 8th grade middle school students. The camp will be from July 9 to July 14, 2017 at the main campus in Kingsville, TX. The residential Camp will focus on increasing students' STEM skills while introducing them to college life and promoting STEM subjects as a potential career path. The Camp will provide STEM-related activities, experiments and projects. Program participants will be provided with the necessary tools to begin laying the foundation for success in college completion. The cornerstone of the Camp experience will be Engineering.

The camp participants will be exposed to key individuals at the university, including career and academic counselors, top notch faculty with expertise in different fields of engineering, graduate and undergraduate student mentors, student leaders, and other university administrators. The engineering camp will be design with Project Based Learning (PBL) activities and exploratory research components. The students will be exposed to different programs at the university, and will have the opportunity to tour on campus facilities and take a couple of field trips to near by locations; the field trips could include visiting King Ranch and a refinery in Corpus Christy to explore Mechanical, Chemical, and Natural Gas and Architectural Engineering fields. The students will also have recreational activities that will help them develop teamwork skills and will give them the opportunity to experience campus life.

By the end of the camp, the students will be able to showcase the acquired skills in a final engineering project. They will enter a project competition that will be showcased the last day of the camp; prizes will be provided to the winning team members. The camp will conclude with a certificate and competition award ceremony.

Applications should be submitted to:

Jeremias Gonzalez – Email: jeremias.gonzalez@stisd.net

Ilsa Orta – Phone number: (956) 399-4358; Email: Ilsa.Orta@stisd.net

Admission into this program is contingent on respectful behavior and a willingness to participate in all activities. Please do not submit an application without careful consideration of the behavior contract.

Sincerely,

Oralia de los Reyes
Maria Oralia De los Reyes, Ph.D., Assistant Dean

Engineering Summer Program: 2017 Student Application

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____

Circle appropriate answer.

Gender: Male Female

Date of Birth: / /

Other (please specify):

Does the camper have any allergies: Yes No

If yes, please specify: _____

Does the camper take any medication: Yes No

If yes, please specify: _____

Guardian's Name: _____

Guardian's Phone Number: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone #: _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone #: _____

Items to Bring to the Camp:

- Pillow
- A twin bed sheet set
- A blanket
- Personal items (toothbrush, shampoo, soap, body lotion, deodorant, etc.).



EXCULPATORY CLAUSE. In consideration for receiving permission to participate in any and all activities of_(herein referred to as "activity"), which is sponsored by _____ at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (herein referred to as "sponsor"), a member of The Texas A&M University System, I hereby release, waive, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to hold harmless for any and all purposes sponsor, The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents for The Texas A&M University System, and their members, officers, servants, agents, volunteers, or employees (herein referred to as RELEASEES or INDEMNITEES) from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, that may be sustained by me while participating in such activity, while traveling to and from the activity, or while on the premises owned or leased by RELEASEES, **including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, or strict liability of RELEASEES.** I understand this waiver does not apply to injuries caused by intentional or grossly negligent conduct.

INDEMNITY CLAUSE. I am fully aware that there are inherent risks to myself and others involved with this activity, including but not limited to_, and I choose to voluntarily participate in said activity with full knowledge that the activity may be hazardous to me and my property, and to the person and property of others. I acknowledge there may be physically strenuous activities. I know of no medical reason why I should not participate. **I agree to indemnify and hold harmless INDEMNITEES** from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, which may occur to myself, other participants, and third- persons as a result of my participation in said activity, **including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, or strict liability of INDEMNITEES.**

NO INSURANCE. I understand that RELEASEES do not maintain any insurance policy covering any circumstance arising from my participation in this activity or any event related to that participation. As such, I am aware that I should review my personal insurance coverage. Sponsor does not carry general liability insurance to cover claims arising from this activity so it seeks a waiver of claims as additional consideration for the right to participate so sponsor, a governmental unit of the State of Texas, can (a) provide the activity at the lowest possible cost to participants; and (b) provide access to a greater number of participants by expending limited resources on program materials rather than on liability insurance.

BINDS HEIRS. It is my express intent that this agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives, if I am deceased, and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION, INDEMNITY FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES, and WAIVER. I understand RELEASEES cannot be expected to control all of the risks articulated in this form and RELEASEES may need to respond to accidents and potential emergency situations. Therefore, I hereby give my consent for any medical treatment that may be required, as determined by a medical professional at the medical facility, during my participation in this activity with the understanding that the cost of any such treatment will be my responsibility. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless INDEMNITEES for any costs incurred to treat me, even if an INDEMNITEE has signed hospital documentation promising to pay for the treatment due to my inability to sign the documentation. I further agree to release, waive, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to hold harmless for any and all purposes, RELEASEES from any and all

liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, that may be sustained by me while receiving medical care or in deciding to seek medical care, including while traveling to and from a medical care facility, **including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, or strict liability of RELEASEES.** I understand this waiver does not apply to injuries caused by intentional or grossly negligent conduct.

VOLUNTARY SIGNATURE. In signing this agreement I acknowledge and represent that I have read it, understand it, and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; sponsor has not made and I have not relied on any oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the terms contained in this agreement. I execute this document for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same, now and in the future. **I understand I can choose not to sign this document and free myself from its terms and the associated risks of the activity by simply not participating in the activity and choosing some other activity available to me that has a lower level of risk to me. I further understand this is a voluntary, extracurricular activity; therefore it is not required for me to obtain college credits and not participating in this activity will in no way hinder my ability to obtain a degree from the university.** [

**SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT INVOLVES THE WAIVER OF VALUABLE LEGAL RIGHTS.
CONSULT YOUR ATTORNEY BEFORE SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT.**

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Participant Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Participant's Date of Birth: / /

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: _____
(If Participant is under 18 years old)

Parent or Legal Guardian Printed Name: _____
(If Participant is under 18 years old)

This form adapted from TAMU Camp Forms.

2017 Engineering Residential Summer Camp Behavior Contract

Dear Summer Camp Participant/Parent:

It is our goal to ensure that your summer camp experience is a meaningful one. We have established a set of rules that will help keep you safe during camp. Please read over the rules and sign the bottom indicating that you understand these rules and the consequences for breaking them.

As a participant in the Engineering Summer Camp, I agree:

- To listen to instructions and participate fully in all activities.
- To treat other participants, faculty mentors, student assistants, and chaperones with respect.
- To follow all posted laboratory rules.
- Not to physically hurt or ridicule anyone during or outside camp sessions.
- To respect others' property.
- To clean up after myself.
- Not to wander away from the group.
- Not to run, yell, or otherwise behave disruptively.
- No to take any item that could potentially harm myself or others.
- Follow dorm rules and university student hand book behavior regulations.
- Follow home school dress code.
- To be on time every day for all planned activities and follow camp schedule.
- To follow class rules.

I realize that if my behavior violates this contract, I may be:

- Asked to sit out for one or more activities.
- Sent home and asked not to return for the remainder of the camp.

Decisions will be based on severity and frequency of behavior problems. Students will receive one warning in most instances.

My signature signifies my agreement to abide by this behavior contract.

Print Name (Student)	Signature (Student)
Print Name (Parent)	Signature (Parent)

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE
APPEARANCE RELEASE FORM**

I hereby authorize Texas A&M University-Kingsville (the University), including any of its officers, employees, contractors, and agents, to photograph, videotape, film or record me in any media in relation to my participation in any Engineering Summer Camp program activities. The University may use my name, image, and likeness, as shown in the photographs, video, film, electronic images, and/or audio recordings in whatever way they desire, including television and web content. I understand that I will not receive any monetary compensation for time or services.

Furthermore, I hereby release and discharge the University from any and all claims and demands arising out of, or in conjunction with, the use of such photographs, video, film, electronic images, and/or audio recordings and the plates, tapes and/or software from which they are made. I understand that these materials shall become the sole property of the Agency and the University and they shall have the right to duplicate, reproduce and make other uses of the material for any lawful purpose, including illustration, advertising, and promotion. I hereby waive any right of inspection or approval of my appearance or the uses of my appearance in relation to the Engineering Summer Camp program activities.

(Printed Student/Subject Name)

(Signature) (Date)

If the subject is under age 18, there must be consent by a parent or guardian, as follows:

I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of_, named above, and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of this person.

(Parent/Guardian's Printed Name) (Parent/Guardian's Signature) (Date)