

Students launch rockets at camp

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Almost 30 students, ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade, launched homemade rockets Friday as the finale to a weeklong summer camp.

Science Adventures puts on four camps each year all over Houston. The Space and Rocketry Camp is geared towards aspiring astronauts and scientists.

"Each camp is required to complete one major project each week," said Mike Jefferson of Science Adventures. "Each day they build something new that they can take home."

Kids in Jefferson's class assembled rockets made of cardboard and had the exciting opportunity to launch them on the last day of camp.

Ten-year-old attendee Rhys Franklin said he's always enjoyed blasting off rockets and said he's also an aspiring astronaut.

"I've learned a lot at Space Adventures

camp – like the kinds of surface Mars has and how to make a telescope," he said.

Katherine Van Hoose, who is eight, said she enjoyed creating the Mars Rover and telescope in camp. She also said she'd like to be a scientist when she gets older.

"I like Science. It's my best subject in school," she said. "Everything we've done has been really fun. I'd like to do a camp like this next year."

Lorenzo Casero, 12, is one of the older kids in the camp.

He said he did some research on his own, looking on the Science Adventures website, and decided it was something in which he'd like to participate.

"I saw that we could build cool stuff like the rocket, Mars Rover and telescopes," Casero said. "We also learned things about the planets. I really enjoy building things."

To learn more about Science Adventures Summer Day Camps, visit www.discoverchampions.com.

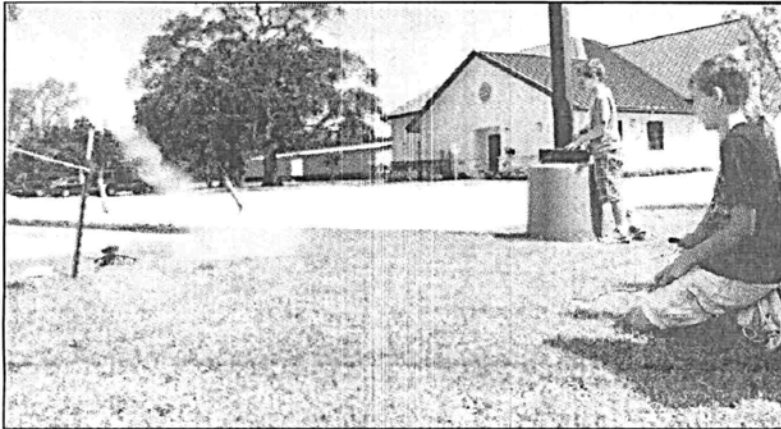


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A trail of smoke is all that's left behind after one of the students shoots off his rocket on the last day of Science Adventures Camp.