



Come Explore the Universe with the Dark Skies, Bright Kids Astronomy Summer Program!

We are offering a week-long astronomy club
and can't wait for the fun to begin!

You will get the opportunity to:

- Explore the night sky and travel to other planets with our portable planetarium!
- Learn about galaxies, distant solar systems, and alien life!
- Make your own comets, pulsars, and constellations!
- Discover how we use invisible light to solve mysteries of the universe!

We will also host a **Star Party** at the end of the week where you can look through telescopes and enjoy the beautiful starry night sky.

Who: Open to all *rising* 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th graders
When: July 13th *through* July 17th, 2026. 8:30am - 3pm daily.
Where: UVA Wise
Cost: FREE!
Contact: dsbk_summercamp@virginia.edu or 434-924-5074

To register for this program, please fill out the application below and email or text the contacts above.

For more information on Dark Skies, Bright kids visit: <https://www.darks skiesbrightkids.com/>



DSBK SUMMER APPLICATION

Please return applications by May 29, 2026*

Return applications by either scanning or taking pictures of the application and emailing them to dsbk_summercamp@virginia.edu or texting them to 434-924-5074. Or, mail the document directly to DSBK: P.O. Box 400325, Charlottesville, VA 22903.

Alternatively, you can fill out the digital version of this application at <https://forms.gle/tNKMgqL84nkUCuCy8> or contact us for more options.

*After May 29th, applications will still be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis until the camp is full.

Dark Skies Bright Kids is an entirely volunteer-run program out of the University of Virginia Astronomy Department with the core mission of enhancing science education for elementary school students targeted at schools in rural Virginia. The program seeks to foster the natural curiosity of children by helping them to explore the Universe in a social setting with fun, hands-on activities.

Student Name _____

Grade in Fall 2026 _____

Providing or not providing this information will have no impact on acceptance into this program.

Gender

- Male
- Female
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

Ethnicity

- White
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Asian
- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander
- Two or more
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

Do you qualify for free or reduced price lunch?

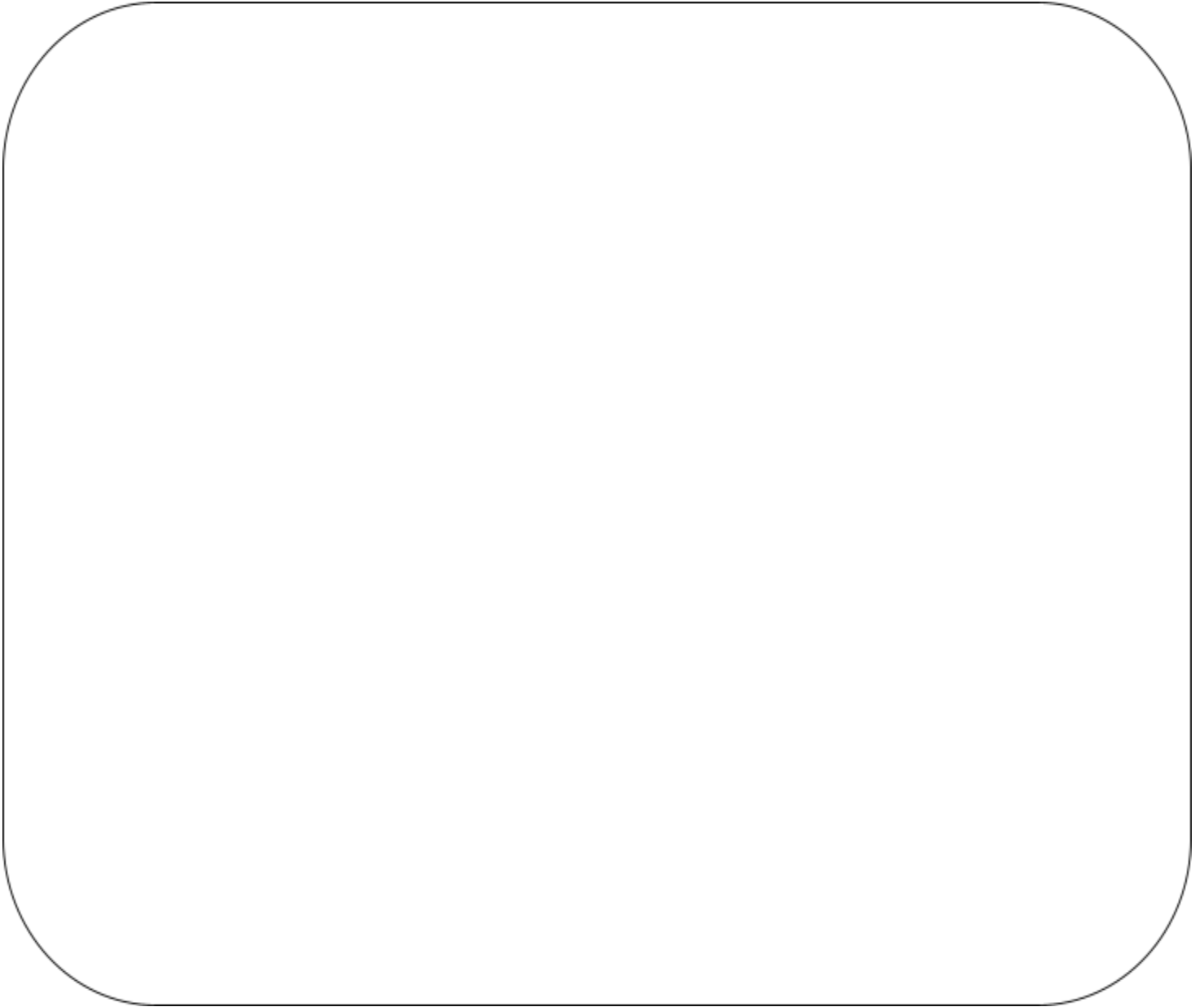
- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

T-shirt Size

- Child Adult
- XS S M L XL

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Draw A Scientist



Tell us a little bit about your scientist. (Who are they? What are they doing?)

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Emergency Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ (Mobile) _____ (Work)

Email _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ (Mobile) _____ (Work)

Email _____

Does your child have any allergies or health conditions that we should be aware of?

No Yes, please elaborate:

I will notify Dark Skies Bright Kids if my child's health conditions change.

I will be able to drop my child off by 8:30 and pick my child up from Astronomy Camp by 3:00 pm.

Parent/Guardian(s) Signature _____

Media Release Form

Dark Skies, Bright Kids produces videos, photos and audio publications to broadcast our efforts to the Charlottesville-Albemarle, University and Astronomy Education communities. Our primary goal is to highlight our bright kids! We will not use any media of your children without your consent.

Please initial next to each statement if you agree and sign below.

_____ I hereby give my consent for Dark Skies, Bright Kids to use my child(ren)'s **photographs** and likeness to be used in its publications, including on its website. I release them from any expectation of confidentiality for the undersigned minor children and myself and attest that I am the parent or legal guardian of the children listed below.

_____ I hereby give my consent for Dark Skies, Bright Kids to use **video footage** of my child(ren) in its publications, including its website. I release them from any expectation of confidentiality for the undersigned minor children and myself and attest that I am the parent or legal guardian of the children listed below.

_____ I hereby give my consent for Dark Skies, Bright Kids to use **audio recordings** of my child(ren) and likeness to be used in its publications. I release them from any expectation of confidentiality for the undersigned minor children and myself and attest that I am the parent or legal guardian of the children listed below.

Signature: _____

Date: _____