



PSSP APPLICATION FORM

*****for the 2009 - 2010 school year *****

The Partner School Science Program (PSSP) connects teachers and students from different countries through space education to expand their knowledge of math and science. Collaborative research and hands-on science and math activities are intended to promote cross-cultural understanding and Global Friendship.

Program components include:

E-mailing (mandatory)

Students will be assigned e-pals in order to share NASA educational projects, cultures, ideas and experiences. The e-pal connection will facilitate long-term friendships built on a shared interest in space science and a respect for diverse cultures. Students will e-mail each other, send one another digital photos of PSSP projects, and mail each other letters via regular mail at least one time during the school year.

Studying NASA Digital Learning material (mandatory)

NASA-designed space education projects are offered online at the NASA website under the NASA Digital Learning Network. The study of the NASA topics will be conducted during regular school hours or as an after-school activity, depending on how the teacher chooses to work it within his/her school's curriculum.

Videoconferencing (mandatory)

Three-way videoconferencing between NASA and the two collaborating schools in different countries offers participants the opportunity to meet face to face and to personalize the partnerships in a meaningful way. Videoconferences enable students to see each other in real time live and have the opportunity to share their science projects with NASA and each other. An American school must be represented in all partnerships in order to qualify for NASA videoconferences.



Attending E-Pal Week at Space Camp Turkey (recommended)

Program participants have the opportunity to meet their “e-pals” during a special six-day session in July at Space Camp Turkey called E-Pal Week. At the camp they will share their team projects promoting science education and global friendship. In this session, campers will also have the opportunity to meet students from many countries. All students who have successfully completed the requirements of the PSSP will qualify for a reduction of 25% in the tuition for the six-day E-Pal Week session. If PSSP students would like to stay three more days after the end of the regular six-day program to spend more time with their partner school students, the additional cost will be \$350. This cost includes meals, space camp accommodations and all expenses for excursions listed below:

- Full-Day Ephesus Tour (Ephesus, Virgin Mary’s House, Şirince Village)
- Full-Day Cesme tour including time at one of Cesme’s best beaches.
- Half-Day Izmir City Tour (Kemeraltı- Alsancak- Kordon)

In order to qualify for PSSP discounts, all payments and registration forms must be received by Space Camp Turkey no later than May 1, 2010. Any students wishing to participate in the extended program must also submit payment and forms by May 1, 2010.

There will be only one E-pal week in July 2010. Space may be limited and reservations will be made on a “first-come” basis.



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Application date :	
School name :	
School address :	
City, state, zip :	
School phone :	
School fax :	
School website :	
Principal name :	
Principal phone :	
Principal email :	
Teacher name :	
Subject taught :	
Teacher email :	
Teacher cell phone :	
Teacher work phone :	
Teacher home phone : (Emergency only)	
PSSP class grade level :	
Anticipated school activity :	
After school activity or part of school activity :	



COMMITMENTS

With the consent of their school administration, teachers of partner schools are required to commit to the following in order to participate in the Partner School Science Program. Please put a check mark next to each item to indicate your understanding of the program and to confirm your ability to fully participate.

Correspondence

- _____ We agree to participate in the PSSP for one academic year.
- _____ We meet all the technical requirements (1 computer for every 3 students, internet access, digital camera and/or scanner)
- _____ We will assign our students to e-pals with whom they will correspond throughout the year.
- _____ We will encourage frequent (minimum of twice a month) e-mailing between our students and their e-pals and monitor emails to prevent inappropriate content.
- _____ We will exchange school calendars and holidays at the start of the school year to help schedule videoconferences.
- _____ We agree to use the online NASA Digital Learning Network to choose and study topics offered at <http://nasadln.nmsu.edu/dln/content/catalog/>
- _____ We will complete a minimum of two NASA topics during the school year on NASA's Digital Learning Network.

Videoconferencing

- _____ We have access to a videoconference facility (at or outside our school).
- _____ We will determine dates for videoconferencing with our partner school. NASA requests that dates and times be kept between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.
- _____ We will inform GFTSE staff about our proposed dates and time, 1.5 months in advance for GFTSE to register us with NASA.
- _____ We will participate in at least two videoconferences, one with our partner school and one involving NASA as well.
- _____ We will conduct our first videoconference (the "Meet and Greet Videoconference") with our partner school to meet each other as early in the school year as possible.



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- _____ We will complete the lesson plans for each topic provided by the NASA Digital Learning Network to qualify for videoconferencing with NASA, and our partner school.
- _____ We will present at least one (ideally both) of the NASA topics via a three-way videoconference with partner school and NASA.
- _____ We will provide GFTSE staff our students' questions to NASA two weeks in advance and prepare our students for the videoconference.

Documentation

- _____ We will document our correspondence and keep a record of photos and testimonials from our students and teachers during the year and after attending E-Pal week.
- _____ We will keep a record of our PSSP projects and post photos, progress and updates on the Global Friendship website.

Attending E-Pal Week

- _____ We agree to make every effort to meet our partner school at Space Camp Turkey during E-Pal week in July.
- _____ We will bring in and share our PSSP projects during a Science Fair at Space Camp Turkey.

(Teacher's name)

(Principal's name)

(Teacher's signature)

(Principal's signature)

(date)

(date)

Please fax this form to our office: +90 232-252 3600. When you have faxed the completed forms and if you have any questions, please contact Tolga Yildirim via e-mail at tyildirim@gftse.org .