



## OVERVIEW

Global Friendship Through Space Education is a California-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2002. It is dedicated to promoting friendship among young people from different countries and cultures through the study of space-related science and technology.

The goal of global friendship is accomplished through a variety of programs that are listed in detail under the “Programs” section of our website.

Our year-long program called the **Partner School Science Program** connects students from schools in different countries though:

- E-mailing between students about space-related projects and sharing information about their daily lives,
- Collaborative research on NASA’s distance-learning website,
- Videoconferencing between partner schools and NASA,
- Meeting at Space Camp Turkey at a special summer session called “E-Pal Week”.(Optional)

### **Global Friendship’s scholarship program has three components:**

**6-Day International Space Camp Program (summer sessions):** Since 2002, young people between the ages of 12-15 from over thirty different countries have participated in these six-day programs. The experience not only stimulates the campers’ interest in science and math, but also offers them the opportunity to work side-by-side in teams of twelve campers from different countries and make lasting friendships. All programs are conducted in English.

**6- Day Turkish-Language Space Camp Program (summer sessions):** This program is offered to students throughout Turkey whose families do not have the financial means to attend Space Camp. The program is offered in Turkish because most Turkish students from disadvantaged backgrounds do not speak English well enough to participate in the international program. These campers have the opportunity to meet young people from all different regions of Turkey and to participate in a unique educational program.

**National Space Camp Week:** Students from different provinces of Turkey meet at Space Camp Turkey where they participate in a five-day Space Camp program and, for many, visit a part of their country they have seen. Some had never seen the sea; others had never met a foreigner (American staff at Space Camp Turkey).