



AstroCamp Testimonials

The camp showed me that I liked Astronomy. Until then, I was ambivalent about it and later on, I finished a PhD in Physics and Astronomy. (...) During the camp, I had to track planets and write an essay. I had never done that before, so I was not good. However, seeing that it is OK to fail, try again, and iteratively improve, helped me to accept that these situations happen and that I will overcome the challenges. This resilience was important throughout my studies and continues to be now.

Catarina Alves '14

Looking back, I believe the most valuable aspect was having the opportunity to connect with peers sharing the same passion for science and astronomy. It was the first time I felt part of a much larger community which made me even more confident of pursuing a career in the STEM field. I feel very grateful to be part of the AstroCamp community which now evolved to a widely spread network of young researchers.

Lavinia Paiella '17

Personally, meeting all those new faces in a nature-connected environment to dive into a course that everyone has a weak spot for is beyond describable. Socially, it matches quite a mundane university-like ambient which is very encouraging. The community service was also something that felt quite nice, as it allows for a new and mature type of team bonding.

Anselmo Falorca '18

I do believe that for me it has been really important to get accustomed to this kind of modern physics results, even just at a phenomenological level, before starting my university studies. It allowed me to have a better perspective of the topics I

was later going to study on a formal level. (...) I feel that it has been crucial for me to have some trials on coding before attending university, and I strongly believed that this challenge should be favourably welcomed by students.

Francesco Chiti Tegli '18

The biggest fear was related to the examination, as we always do. However, it is easy to understand that the camp must be like that. (...) Actually, it is a calm evaluation which allows you to know your strong and weak spots. Besides, the classes are a great way of understanding what astrophysics really is and rethink your interest or take a deep dive in it. (...) Classes make you be in touch with physics and maths you did not know before, introducing to you the tools this subject uses.

Pedro Amaral '19

I think the seminars were also really interesting as they showed us what working in the field meant! The lectures were also amazing!

Giulia Nóbrega da Costa '19

Four years after the camp I meet co-students and it still feels like family; I still talk with some of my monitors from time to time, particularly one that has been my friend ever since.

Iuna Dreyer '19

I really enjoyed the healthy competition, since it motivated me to progress further into the project. I found that the talks given by monitors and invited speakers really sparked my interest in various scientific topics, such as math, biology, medicine and of course physics and astrophysics. All in all, AstroCamp introduced me to the thought process of a researcher and helped me understand the dedication and passion it takes to follow this career.

Eleanna Kolonia '20

Before AstroCamp, I wasn't sure if I really wanted to pursue studies in physics and my experiences during those weeks were definitely a deciding factor when the time to make that decision finally came. I was also lucky enough to meet a very nice group of people with similar interests and drive to learn which I still keep in touch with now a year later.

Lucas Lino '22