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Many space activities center around large Government or International Bureaucracies. In the US that means NASA. If you have basic information requests: (e.g., general PR info, research grants, data, limited tours, and ESPECIALLY SUMMER EMPLOYMENT (typically resumes should be ready by Jan. 1), etc.), consider contacting the nearest NASA Center to answer your questions.

EMail typically will not get you any where, computers are used by investigators, not PR people. The typical volume of mail per Center is a multiple of 10,000 letters a day. Seek the Public Information Office at one of the below, this is their job:

NASA (The National Aeronautics and Space Administration) is the civilian space agency of the United States Federal Government.

It reports directly to the White House and is not a Cabinet post such as the military Department of Defense. Its 20K+ employees are civil servants and hence US citizens. Another 100K+ contractors also work for NASA.

NASA Headquarters (NASA HQ)

Washington DC 20546

Ask them questions about policy, money, and things of political nature. Direct specific questions to the appropriate center.

NASA Ames Research Center (ARC)

Moffett Field, CA 94035

Some aeronautical research, atmosphere reentry, Mars and Venus planetary atmospheres. "Lead center" for Helicopter research, V/STOL, etc. Runs Pioneer series of space probes.

NASA Ames Research Center

Dryden Flight Research Facility [DFRF]

P. O. Box 273

Edwards, CA 93523

Aircraft, mostly. Tested the shuttle orbiter landing characteristics. Developed X-1, D-558, X-3, X-4, X-5, XB-70, and of course, the X-15.

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)

Greenbelt, MD 20771

[Outside of Washington DC]

Earth orbiting unmanned satellites and sounding rockets. Developed

Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)

California Institute of Technology

4800 Oak Grove Dr.

Pasadena, CA 91109

The "heavies" in planetary research probes and other unmanned projects (they also had a lot to do with IRAS). They run Voyager, Magellan, Galileo, and will run Cassini, CRAF, etc. etc.. For images, probe navigation, and other info about unmanned exploration, this is the place to go.

JPL is run under contract for NASA by the nearby California Institute of Technology, unlike the NASA centers above. This distinction is subtle but critical. JPL has different requirements for unsolicited research proposals and summer hires. For instance in the latter, an SF 171 is useless. Employees are Caltech employees, contractors, and for the most part have similar responsibilities.

They offer an alternative to funding after other NASA Centers.

A fact sheet and description of JPL is available by anonymous

FTP in

[ames.arc.nasa.gov:pub/SPACE/FAQ/JPLDescription](http://ames.arc.nasa.gov/pub/SPACE/FAQ/JPLDescription)

NASA Johnson Manned Space Center (JSC)

Houston, TX 77058

JSC manages Space Shuttle, ground control of manned missions.

Astronaut training. Manned mission simulators.

NASA Kennedy Space Flight Center (KSC)

Titusville, FL 32899

Space launch center. You know this one.

NASA Langley Research Center (LaRC)

Hampton, VA 23665

[Near Newport News, VA]

Original NASA site. Specializes in theoretical and experimental

flight dynamics. Viking. Long Duration Exposure Facility.

NASA Lewis Research Center (LeRC)

21000 Brookpark Rd.

Cleveland, OH 44135

Aircraft/Rocket propulsion. Space power generation. Materials

research.

NASA Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC)

Huntsville, AL 35812

Development, production, delivery of Solid Rocket Boosters, External

Tank, Orbiter main engines. Propulsion and launchers.

Michoud Assembly Facility

Orleans Parish

New Orleans, LA 70129

Shuttle external tanks are produced here; formerly Michoud produced first stages for the Saturn V.

Stennis Space Center

Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39529

Space Shuttle main engines are tested here, as were Saturn V first and second stages. The center also does remote-sensing and technology-transfer research.

Wallops Flight Center

Wallops Island, VA 23337

Aeronautical research, sounding rockets, Scout launcher.

Manager, Technology Utilization Office

NASA Scientific and Technical Information Facility

Post Office Box 8757

Baltimore, Maryland 21240

Specific requests for software must go thru COSMIC at the Univ. of Georgia, NASA's contracted software redistribution service. You can reach them at cosmic@uga.bitnet.

NOTE: Foreign nationals requesting information must go through their Embassies in Washington DC. These are facilities of the US Government and are regarded with some degree of economic sensitivity. Centers cannot directly return information without high Center approval. Allow at least 1 month for clearance. This includes COSMIC.

The US Air Force Space Command can be contacted thru the Pentagon along with other Department of Defense offices. They have unacknowledged offices in

Los Angeles, Sunnyvale, Colorado Springs, and other locations. They have a budget which rivals NASA in size.

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France

1747 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Suite 875

Washington, DC 20006

955 L'Enfant Plaza S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20024

4-1 Hamamatsu-Cho, 2 Chome

Minato-Ku, Tokyo 105, JAPAN

45 Vologradsij Pr.

Moscow 109125

Alabama Space and Rocket Center U.S. SPACE CAMP

1 Tranquility Base 6225 Vectorspace Blvd

Huntsville, AL 35805 Titusville FL 32780

Registration and mailing list are handled through Huntsville -- both camps are described in the same brochure.

Programs offered at Space Camp are:

Space Camp - one week, youngsters completing grades 4-6

Space Academy I - one week, grades 7-9

Aviation Challenge - one week high school program, grades 9-11

Space Academy II - 8 days, college accredited, grades 10-12

Adult Program - 3 days (editorial comment: it's great!)

Teachers Program - 5 days

SPACE COMMERCE CORPORATION (U.S. agent for Soviet launch services)

504 Pluto Drive 69th flr, Texas Commerce Tower

Colorado Springs, CO 80906 Houston, TX 77002

600 Maryland Avenue, SW

Suite 201 West

Washington, DC 20004

1857 Preston White Drive,

Reston, VA 22091

Vincent Cate maintains a list with addresses and some info for a variety of companies in space-related businesses. This is mailed out on the space-investors list he runs (see the "Network Resources" FAQ) and is also available by anonymous ftp from [furmint.nectar.cs.cmu.edu](ftp://furmint.nectar.cs.cmu.edu) (128.2.209.111) in `/usr/vac/ftp/space-companies`.

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