

# Extreme Sports 2000: *the Ultimate Sports Zone*

Space Center Houston has a new adventure for everyone this summer, and it's the only extreme action in town. As of May 26, you can experience heart-pounding, adrenaline-pumping, in-your-face extreme action at "EXTREME 2000: THE ULTIMATE SPORTS ZONE"...and the whole family can take part.

Feel the rush while pushing yourself to the limits at today's most extreme sports – skydiving, snowboarding, rock climbing, bungee running, extreme basketball, and much more! It's the most-fun, no-limits summer attraction ever!

"EXTREME 2000 is truly going to be a fun, extraordinary experience for people of all ages," said Richard Allen, president and CEO. "We've combined the thrill of today's extreme sports with excitement and competition for a phenomenal summer attraction."

Each sport will put your mind and body to the ultimate test, whether competing against yourself or against others.

## Rock Wall

You can't beat the view from up here! Using professional climbing equipment, participants "race" each other to the top of this 24-foot mountain. Contestants grab and step onto rocks protruding from the mountain as they climb upward to the summit.

## Hang Time

You may have played basketball, but never before like this. We've taken this traditional sport and added an extreme twist – trampolines. It's a one-on-one vertical challenge like nothing you've seen before. Blocked shots and high-flying baskets have never been so spectacular. Everyone will be able to jump as high as Michael Jordan!

## Bungee Madness

It's a race to find out who's the fastest! While strapped to a bungee cord that pulls you backward, you'll run to place your Velcro target as far out as you can while the cord's goal is to snap you back – your opponent will be doing the same!

## Fearless Flyer

It's like surfing...in the air! You and the extreme trampoline make it happen. Get strapped into a bungee cord harness and the rest is up to you!

Perform all kinds of aerial maneuvers jumping 20-24 feet in the air.

## Rappel Tower

Two 30-foot rappel towers will really challenge your strength! After you're hoisted to the top of the tower, you descend quickly, bouncing off the vertical wall while trying to hit targets with your feet. The more targets you hit, the longer your ride.

## Jump Zone

Strap yourself in and experience the thrill of jumping out of an airplane at 2,000 feet. You'll steer the parachute and soar to the ground to a landing sight you select – a forest, aircraft carrier, or amidst skyscrapers in a big city – as you feel and hear the wind roar past you. You'll get a score sheet of your ride to compare with others, and top performers record their names and scores!

The latest in virtual reality fun also is part of Space Center Houston's EXTREME 2000 action. Get beamed into a simulator in a weightless environment with "Grav-Ball." Use your entire body to bump the gravity ball and

score points to win against an opponent or a robot. Or try your athletic ability at one of today's hottest extreme sports – snowboarding. You and your opponent plummet through a downhill race on "snowboards," using full-body motion to direct your board around trees, rocks, hazards, and other snowboarders. You can experience the latest video adventures at EXTREME 2000. Get right in the middle of the action on Street Luger, Alpine Skier, and Ultimate Skateboarder.

"We have been working for several months on putting all the pieces together to make this a unique, comprehensive, and fun experience for people of all ages," said Celina Ducceschi, exhibits manager. "Kids might wonder what the connection is with space, and that's what makes it so fun and educational. They may not realize that astronauts, too, are extreme athletes in their own right. Just as skydivers jump out of planes, astronauts venture outside the space shuttle for space

walks. What could be more extreme than that?"

Ducceschi added, "Parts of the exhibit will showcase the unique and daring responsibilities of extreme sports athletes as well as astronauts."

Space Center Houston also will be showing a new Imax® movie – *Extreme*. "It's absolutely a phenomenal film, and it's a perfect compliment to the exhibit," said Roger Bornstein, director of marketing. "After testing your own skills at rock climbing and snowboarding, you'll be able to see some of world's top daredevil, extreme athletes as they compete against nature's greatest dangers."

See first-hand the thrills and chills of extreme sports up close at Space Center Houston with live demonstrations throughout the summer. Enjoy the best-of-the-best in-line skaters, BMX bicyclists, skateboarders, and much more. Call 281-244-2100 for dates and times.

On display this summer also will be the hottest extreme sports equipment and gear, including surfboards, skateboards, motorcycles, jet skis, and much more!

Don't miss your chance to be an out-of-this-world extreme athlete and have an out-of-this-world extreme blast! There's nothing else like it! Don't forget Space Center Houston's EXTREME summer hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, until Labor Day. ■

For more information about EXTREME 2000, call 281-244-2100 or go to [www.spacecenter.org](http://www.spacecenter.org). JSC employees show your civil servant badge for free admission. Contractors may obtain tickets at the admission windows.



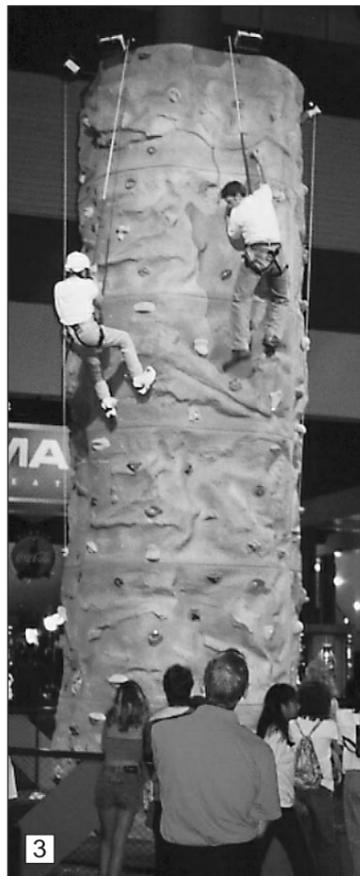
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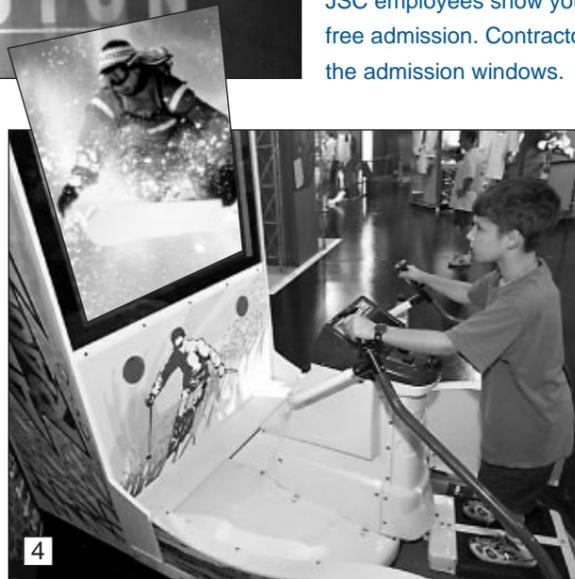
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Space Center Houston visitors find themselves pushing their limits as part of Extreme Sports 2000. 1) Sam Soden, 8, from Woodlands, takes on the rock climbing wall. 2) Lauren Hill, 9, from Bixby, Okla., bounces through the air on *Fearless Flyer*. 3) Visitors contemplate every move as they race to the top of the rock tower. 4) G. T. Elliot, 11, steers down the slopes on *Alpine Racer*. 5) Christy Acevedo, 7, from Rosenberg, makes her way down the rappelling wall. 6) Julio Galvan, 10, from Hoffman, takes a shot at the *Top Skater*.

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## Blast off on exciting adventures at Space Center Houston's summer day camps

### Looking for a cosmic adventure for kids this summer?

Look no further than the out-of-this-world day camps at Space Center Houston. Children ages 5 to 14 can choose from 12 different day camps. Whether building a rocket, traveling to the Moon, or docking with the space station, Space Center Houston's day camp participants will have a blast.

### Prices include all materials and lunch.

To receive a Space Center Houston Day Camp registration form, call 281-244-2148 or 281-244-2131 or visit online at [spacecenter.org](http://spacecenter.org).

You also can register by phone.

Members of Space Center Houston receive a 10 percent discount off all registration fees!



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