# Scratch Camp 2023: Space, Stars, & Beyond

Scratch Camp takes place each year around the start of August, and runs for three weeks. There is an overall umbrella theme for each Scratch Camp, and each week brings opportunities to create projects around a particular topic related to that theme. It is free, and anyone can join by imagining, creating, and sharing along with us in the Scratch online community by participating in our featured studios. Camp is hosted by the Scratch Team, but it runs in collaboration with Scratchers serving as "Camp Counselors" each week.

**The theme for camp this year is "Space, Stars, & Beyond," and camp officially starts July 24th.** The studio themes will be revealed for all users in a teaser project released on July 17th, but full descriptions and prompts are available early for educators for your own planning.

In this guide, you'll find:

- Ways to Celebrate with ScratchJr

- Ways to Celebrate with the Scratch Online Community

- Our 2023 Scratch Camp Weekly Themes

- Special Information for Educators

## Celebrating with ScratchJr

Users can create projects inspired by the Scratch Camp themes (see below). You can see our list of prompts in the studio description for inspiration, or find your own way to engage with the theme. While ScratchJr does not have public studios like Scratch (where coders can gather and share their Scratch Camp-themed projects), consider setting up a viewing gallery!

- Have each participant's project open on their device. Participants can walk around a room, or take turns sharing their screen in a virtual space, to experience each other's projects and offer verbal or written feedback.

- Take time to reflect after the gallery walk. What did you see? What did you wonder? Participants can share answers to these questions aloud, they could leave sticky notes with answers to these questions at each workspace, or they can leave comments with these answers in a chat window in a virtual space. Encourage and model constructive feedback.

You can also post projects onto ScratchJr Connect (https://connect.scratchjr.org), which is a curated database for educators to share ScratchJr activities, lessons, and project ideas.

# Celebrating with the Scratch Online Community

**A new theme will be shared every week on the Scratch homepage at <u>scratch.mit.edu</u>**. When the event is running, you can visit the "Featured Studios" section to find the weekly theme studio.

## How Can I Participate?

- You are invited to create and **share projects that fit the studio theme**. Simply comment in the studio with your project link so our curators/Camp Counselors can review.

- **See what others around the world have created and shared to the studio,** as well as offer encouragement and constructive feedback.

- Do you speak and write in more than one language? We welcome Scratcher volunteers, who can, to **translate the studio description** into their own language to help others. Look in the main studio description for a link to our translation studio for the event, if you are interested.

- **Learn more about participating in our Scratch Event Studios Guide** ([https://resources.scratch.mit.edu/www/events/en/ScratchLearningResource_ScratchEventStudios.pdf](https://resources.scratch.mit.edu/www/events/en/ScratchLearningResource_ScratchEventStudios.pdf)) including how to get started and how to share your projects/get your projects into the event studio.

## 2023 Scratch Camp Weekly Themes

Follow the links below for early access to our studio descriptions and prompt examples.

| WEEK 1 | WEEK 2 | WEEK 3 |
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| [Star Gazers](#) | [Mission to Mars](#) | [Intergalactic Innovators](#) |

## Educators

- Check out our Teacher Account Guide ([http://bit.ly/Your-Teacher-Account](http://bit.ly/Your-Teacher-Account)) for more information on setting up teacher accounts and managing classes.

- See our Show-and-Tell Sharing Sheet here for possible use with your students: [https://resources.scratch.mit.edu/www/events/en/Scratch_Show-and-TellSharingSheet.pdf](https://resources.scratch.mit.edu/www/events/en/Scratch_Show-and-TellSharingSheet.pdf)

- See our guide here on "How to Run Your Own Event Studio" for facilitation tips and more: [https://resources.scratch.mit.edu/www/events/en/ScratchLearningResource_RunYourEventStudio.pdf](https://resources.scratch.mit.edu/www/events/en/ScratchLearningResource_RunYourEventStudio.pdf)

- See our guide here on "How to Replicate an Event Studio in an Offline Scratch Environment": [https://resources.scratch.mit.edu/www/events/en/ScratchLearningResource_ReplicateEventStudioOffline.pdf](https://resources.scratch.mit.edu/www/events/en/ScratchLearningResource_ReplicateEventStudioOffline.pdf)

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