

Astronomy and myself

About my childhood, one of the things I remember perfectly is me saying: «I wanna be an astronomer. » It has been my dream since I remember and now that dream can come true.

As a child, the three wizards gave me a telescope for Christmas and I used to spend lots of hours watching the sky with it. Unfortunately it wasn't a really good one, so I only could see little lighting points. But that was enough for me, because the universe has always fascinated me. Now I've borrowed a bigger telescope from my High School and it was amazing seeing the moon's craters and waking up at 6 am just to see Jupiter and his satellites.

I love reading and I used to read only novels, but since I started in the High School I'm reading some popular science books that fascinate me. One of the books I enjoyed the most was one of Isaac Asimov.

My interest for the astronomy has been getting bigger as I got older. Therefore, this year I'm doing an important research project we do in Catalonia about it. I'm writing a book about the history of the astronomy for young people, because I realised that there wasn't a lot of information about it for that level and it would help students who are interested about the astronomy to know more about it. I also draw some solar systems, the astronomers I talk about and things like those for my book. Doing that project I've learned lots of amazing things I didn't know before and every time I learn a new thing about astronomy I'm more excited about studying it!

Nowadays, I'm doing my last year in the High School and I'm doing all the science subjects in order to study astrophysics next year in the University of Barcelona and, of course, I'm looking forward to it! I have really great teachers in physics and maths and that's maybe the reason why they are my favourite subjects. Sometimes I wish having only homework about those two subjects because I love doing exercises and thinking about how to solve the problems I find on the way. I'm also studying English as an out of school activity in EOI (Official School of Languages) and this summer I did the First Certificate exam (FCE) and I passed the test. I think English is really important if somebody wanna be an astronomer or just a scientist in general, and that's why I'm doing English 5 hours a week and I'm trying to pass all the Official exams.

I know that I will end studying astronomy because every time I look at the sky I fall in love again with the universe and I can't imagine a better profession than being an astronomer.

This astronomy camp would be my first contact with professional astronomy, which would be a great experience. I also would be able to meet students from all over the world that have the same interests as me and I think that's really important, because when I say to my classmates that I wanna be an astronomer they say: "What's that? You wanna be an astronaut?" I feel a little misunderstood about my interests because of that, so these people I will meet in this camp will be the first to understand me and share with me the same fascination and interest for the astronomy.

I know that it's really difficult to win the free one, but it's the only way I can participate to this amazing astronomy camp. Participating in it would mean the world to me and it would be the most awesome experience in my life.