



Astronomy and Me

My mother told me that even when I was only 1 month old, I was interested in looking at the sky and stop crying when looking at it. Then when I was 3-4 years old, I was asking my parents about the Sun, stars and the Moon; because they were the only objects that I could observe. After a while later, I learned how to use a computer; so that I could satisfy my wonderings; but fortunately it wasn't enough to satisfy my wonderings and increased my interest, which still exists, in astronomy in a big way; because I learned that the planets in solar system, the Sun and the Moon weren't the only objects that were in space and they were not close as they seem. I was so excited about it that I wanted to learn all the things about them; but since I was unable to read and I at that age, I needed my mother to help me with doing researches; because I was unable to do them alone and that way I could learn some new things this way.

3 years later, when I was able to read and write, my parents started subscribing a magazine which was related with science and which was for children; because I was coming to them with a new question every time. I liked it a lot; because I was so curious about it and every month I received the magazine, I first checked if there was something related to astronomy which wasn't so popular in my country. My interest in astronomy kept growing for years. When I reached fifth grade, my school prepared a contest about astronomy. I was so excited about it that I came in the first place in that contest. Even that little success had increased my interest to astronomy that I attended to a summer course about science only, and there was astronomy lesson every day. In my opinion, that course was the thing that improved me the most. Next 3 years, I had to study hard for my final exams that I couldn't pay attention to astronomy in a big way; but I still did read scientific articles.

2 years ago, I became a ninth grader and I had to choose a social club to join and luckily there was Astronomy Club in the list and I learned lots of things there and that was the place that made me realize that actually there are countless things to learn. So I was only in the beginning of a long way. Last year, I had Astronomy Lesson which was essential in the grade I

was in. And this year since I don't have Astronomy Lesson, I joined the Astronomy Club again, and now I want to join ESO Camp; because I really liked it when I learned about it and since I want a job related with astronomy, I want to join ESO Camp; so that I can have a nice and important experience.

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