The edge of exploration, inspiration & adventure.

Camp SESE provides all new SESE majors (freshmen and transfers) an introduction to ASU, the School of Earth and Space Exploration, and the SESE family. It is a fun, informative experience and an opportunity for new students to get to know faculty, staff, and other students.

Camp SESE (part of SES 191, a required course for freshmen) is a 3-day, 2-night excursion to ASU’s unique facility at Tonto Creek Camp. At 5600’ in the ponderosa pines near Payson, AZ (1.5 hours from ASU’s Tempe campus) Tonto Creek Camp offers a welcome escape from the Phoenix heat in a beautiful wilderness area.

Adventurers will enjoy comfortable accommodations (dormitories, cabins, dining hall, meeting rooms) and recreation fields surrounded by mountain peaks, ancient rock and huge ponderosa pines.

- Interactive workshops
- Group projects and competitions
- Team-building challenge course
- Hiking
- Indoor and outdoor planetarium
- Star gazing
- Orienteering adventure
- Low ropes challenge course
- Autonomous vehicles
- Exploration of the skies, landscape, climate & geology

Who participates?

Incoming SESE majors (freshmen and transfer students) are the adventurers. SESE upper-level students, faculty and staff serve as mentors and facilitators.

What is the cost?

There is a $100 course fee for SES 191 (enrollment in SES 191 is required to attend) but there is no added cost for Camp SESE.

Where?

Camp SESE is held at Tonto Creek Camp located 100 miles northeast of Phoenix (transportation provided).

When?

Friday-Sunday, September 8-10, 2017.

Application information

Registration in SES 191 includes registration in Camp SESE. During the first week of class, registration forms, release forms, and additional information will be provided. If you are not 18 years of age at the time you attend camp, your parent or guardian will need to sign a release form.