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The U.S. Embassy's Office of Public Affairs will launch the **2013 Space Camp Competition** at the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition at the RDS on January 10, 2013 at 1645. The competition is for two scholarships to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama for students (age 15-18) during the summer of 2013.

At the launch event, U.S. Embassy Chargé d'affaires John Hennessey-Niland will be joined via videoconference by NASA astronaut Robert S. Kimbrough who will share his experiences and answer students' questions. The 2012 Space Camp winners, Mairéad Kelly and Ralph Moran, will be on hand to share their experiences from camp last summer. Science Broadcaster Leo Enright will join the event and explore the latest news from NASA's Mars Rover Curiosity.

SPACE CAMP® was founded in 1982 as the U.S. Space & Rocket Center Museum's education program to promote the study of math, science, and technology. This one week program couples classroom instruction with hands-on activities and encourages teamwork, decision-making and leadership. Space Camp has become known as one of the premier math/science/technology educational programs in the United States.

The competition will run from January 10 to February 10, 2013 and winners will be announced in March 2013. To apply online candidates should go to **Dublin.USEmbassy.gov/Spacecamp**

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