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CAMP BEAUREGARD, La. - The seventh year of STARBASE, a week long science camp, at Camp Beauregard is underway, where fifth grade students in Central Louisiana get hands on education while having fun away from the classroom. News Channel Five's Nolan Crane shows us why this week long camp is already booked for the year.

Julianna Pickett is just one fifth grader at J.I. Barron Elementary School who is having fun learning about science during this week long STARBASE camp, at Camp Beauregard.

"STARBASE is really fun, we get to do different things then what we would do in school, we get to do hands on experiments and its better then just reading out of a textbook," says Julianna Pickett.

One of her favorite experiments is learning about the properties of water and air.

"It's creating a vortex for the air to go through and up through the other so the water is able to escape to the next one," says Julianna Pickett.

The director of STARBASE Cheryl Arbour says these types of hands-on activities help students retain what they are learning, because there fun.

"When the students are engaged, they're fully able to learn, and by hands on learning in the classroom, there really retaining what's going on," says Cheryl Arbour.

The goal of STARBASE is to help students enjoy science, technology, engineering and math, subjects that many students find challenging.

"STEM education is so important because America is 17th ranked in science and 19th in math," says Cheryl Arbour.

After being here all week, William Purdion says he loves science and math and he thinks everyone should come here.

"Because its lots of fun and there are awesome activities," says William Purdion.

Which makes this fifth grade science teacher at J.I. Barron very happy.

"The students are learning while they are doing the experiments and it's an excellent opportunity for them," says Tony Hassell.

"Either you will burn and crash, or you will stay in flight and get your passengers to safety," says William Purdion.

STARBASE science camps have become so popular, this year a new location has opened up on the Jackson Barracks in New Orleans.

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