

## StellarXplorers IV Understanding Space Textbook Access

StellarXplorers is an engaging competition designed to excite young people about space and the many opportunities that are available in the space operations field. One of the goals of StellarXplorers is for students to learn some of the academic information about space operations. Therefore, teams will be given access to an online space textbook, *Understanding Space*. *Understanding Space* is used for the Introduction to Space course at the Air Force Academy. While *Understanding Space* is a college textbook, we will only be using the sections which are appropriate for high school students.

For StellarXplorers IV, the Colorado Educational Initiative (CEI) had agreed to provide **one** online version of the *Understanding Space* textbook to each Team Director, free of charge. Team Directors own the textbook and will be able to use it in subsequent years. I have attached the procedures for you to “order” the textbook. If you have any problems, do not hesitate to email me at [stellarxplorers@afa.org](mailto:stellarxplorers@afa.org)

If you had access to the *Understanding Space* textbook last year, you still have access (i.e. you already "own" the textbook). To access, you go to Inkling at <https://www.inkling.com/read/>. You must login with your email address. If you have forgotten your password, you can request a password reset.

In addition, StellarXplorers will be purchasing the textbooks (at \$30/textbook) for students use during the competition period. We are looking for a sponsor which would allow us to provide access to every student but at this time, we can only commit to providing one additional textbook per team. We plan to provide these “team” copies soon.

If students had access to *Understanding Space* last year, they also have access this year. I still have the email address they used last year, if they forgot it. **I would like to know which teams have students with access so StellarXplorers doesn't have to purchase more textbooks than is necessary. Please email me before October 1, 2018.**

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