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Why I Should Be Invited to Have Lunch with Sunita Williams

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Have you ever wondered what it's like to run a marathon in space? I have. Although I'm not a very athletic person, I think space travel is really cool. I remember watching the space shuttle roaring over my head when I was an elementary school student in Florida. I dreamed of being the first teenager in space, and while of course this did not happen, I did play a lot of video games involving spaceships and interplanetary travel.

Another reason I would be a good choice to have lunch with Sunita Williams is that I am a good conversationalist. I often have good discussions with people, especially at mealtime – sometimes I'm so engaging with my witty comments that I make people laugh! One time I made a kid shoot milk through his nose. (Of course I won't do that during the Astronaut Meal. At least not on purpose.) Also, I don't talk with my mouth full. I have very good table manners.

I've been fascinated with Ms. Williams for many minutes now, ever since I heard that there was a chance for me to have lunch with her. I've read all about her space activities, including the time she ran the Boston Marathon in space. (Actually, I wonder if that should really count; isn't it a lot easier to run a marathon in space, since you weigh less? Maybe the Olympic Committee should look into whether this was cheating.) I also read about her 2007 trip to India, where she visited the Sabarmati Ashram which Mahatma Gandhi established in her ancestral village of Jhulasan. And I read about the thing with the tube of wasabi paste flying everywhere in the space station.

In conclusion, I feel that I would be a perfect candidate for having lunch with Ms. Williams. I'd be happy to bring a new tube of wasabi paste for her to bring on her next spacewalk, since the last one went squirting all over. Perhaps she would enjoy some other forms of tube-based foodstuffs, so I'll bring some Yoplait™ Brand Go-Gurt Snacks too. (Since I'm sure she's spent lots of time studying physics, she might also like to try Yoplait™ Brand Go-Gurt Fizzix carbonated yogurt snack. I don't know how or why anyone would carbonate yogurt, but surely a huge corporation like General Mills wouldn't sell it if it weren't healthy and delicious, right?)

Thank you for reading my essay on why I should get to have lunch with Sunita Williams.

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* That's a space shuttle joke. Get it?