

Tin City Air Force Station Invites Kids

ELMENDORF AFB — The men of remote Tin City Air Force Station played host the other day to 22 school children from the nearby Eskimo village of Wales.

The children traveled the seven miles from their small village of 130 people to Tin City AFS by snowmobile.

Tin City AFS is an Alaskan Air Command remote radar installation. It is located at the tip of the Seward Peninsula, just 44 miles from the coast of Siberia.

At the station, the kids were given a tour of the site, shown a Western movie and treated to candy and soft drinks by the station clubs. They were given full use of the gymnasium, bowling lanes, recreation room and library for the day.

"It looked to me like the gym and the pool tables were the most popular," said Technical Sergeant Terry J. Kaman, Tin City information officer. "And for some of these kids, it was the first time they had ever seen bowling!"

The children were also treated to a meal of hotdogs, beans, potato salad and cake in the station dining hall.

"One thing that was kind of unusual for kids," said Sergeant Kaman, "was that they passed kool-aid and ice tea in favor of drinking milk."

During the visit, the children were escorted by their teachers, station personnel and several parents.