

# Kotzebue students attend Space Camp

Two Alaska students from Kotzebue last summer had the opportunity to attend "Space Camp" in Huntsville, Ala., established in honor of the seven Challenger shuttle astronauts killed Jan. 28.

William Coppock and Kimberly Schaeffer, both of Kotzebue, won scholarships to the camp. Both are 12 years old, and they are part of the Correspondence Study Program in the Northwest Arctic School District.

They heard about Space Camp from their teacher, Urtha S. Lenharr, who had attended the Adult Space Academy in November 1985. Lenharr was one of the applicants for the "Teacher-In-Space" Project.

After the tragedy of the space shuttle Challenger, the Alabama Space and Rocket Center notified Lenharr of scholarships that would be awarded in honor of the seven crew members of the ill-fated flights.

Students from across the country submitted essays on space to the center for judging. Both of Lenharr's students who submitted essays were granted scholarships.

The Kotzebue Lions Club took care of the students' travel expenses and other costs were taken care of by the Space and Rocket Center.

During the week-long adventure in July, the pair learned about today's space program with 200 other students from across the nation.

Special simulated space shuttle flights were experienced by the students, and actual use of astronaut training devices was part of the learning.

Gov. Bill Sheffield had sent Lenharr a jade plaque to present to the director of the Alabama Space and Rocket Center in appreciation for educating the youth of America and inviting Alaska students to become part of the program.