

## Challenger Learning Center

### **Challenger Learning Center ready for 2007/08 Missions**



NASA Shuttle Program

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August 27, 2007 Woodstock, IL USA--The Challenger Learning Center announced today that final preparations are almost complete for the 2007-08 Mission schedule offered to schools and community organizations in the Chicago area. The Challenger Learning center located in the northwest suburbs, offers students the opportunity to fly missions based upon NASA's orbiter program.

"Students attending the center are in awe of working behind Mission Control and or conducting real experiments in the space station" stated Steve Otten, Executive Director of the Challenger Learning Center. "Team work and a foundation in math and science are the essential ingredients for success" stated Otten, who also informed us the center is more than 80% scheduled for the upcoming season.

The Challenger Learning Center is a 501-C Non Profit Organization that was founded on the fatal Challenger Mission 20 years ago this past January. To date, the Challenger Learning Center program with 52 facilities located across the United States, has educated millions of America's future math and science teachers.

"We are truly very fortunate to have such a world-class facility as this located in Woodstock, IL" stated Otten, the opportunity to provide our future leaders with such an incredible and fun learning experience is a direct result of our generous donors, corporate sponsors, volunteers, city and teachers added Otten.

#### **About the Challenger Center**

Challenger Center is an international, not-for-profit education organization that was founded by the families of the astronauts from Challenger Space Shuttle mission 51-L.

Through Challenger Center's programs and its international network of Challenger Learning Centers, the diversity, spirit, and commitment to education that exemplified the Challenger 51-L mission continues to make an impact on students, teachers, and families today.

These positive learning experiences raise students' expectations of success; foster a long-term interest in mathematics, science, and technology; and motivate them to pursue careers in these fields.

#### **Our Mission**

As the new advances in science and technology occur at an ever more accelerated pace, the need for excellence in education has never been more essential. Perhaps that's one reason why so many communities throughout the world are actively engaged in developing a local Challenger Learning Center. Find out how our organization's solutions to encourage students to pursue further study in mathematics, science, and technology can make a difference in your hometown.