Three, Two, One ... Boeing Educators Launch "Space" Journey

Thirty elementary and high school teachers from around the world will enhance their knowledge of math, science and space at the Boeing Educators to Space Camp program, beginning today at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

Through interactive classroom assignments, special tours and lectures, and hands-on team activities, the program provides educators with many of the resources they need to inspire and motivate their students about math, science and space. Past participants continue to praise the benefits this program has brought to their classrooms.

"I am so thankful to Boeing for giving me the chance to experience the space program. My kids are benefiting from my knowledge and experiences," stated Chuck Minear, a middle school teacher from Downey, Calif., who attended the 1998 program. "Recently I was awarded State Technology Teacher of the Year in Sacramento and I think it was in part to my increased excitement over teaching after going to space camp."

Teachers from 12 states and 4 foreign countries will spend July 19 - 25 at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, where they will participate in a week-long curriculum of lectures, classroom activities, astronaut training and simulated space missions. Then they will travel to Houston, Texas, to spend two days at Space Center Houston and Johnson Space Center to tour the facilities and learn more about the International Space Station.

"We're thrilled to give teachers this opportunity for hands-on exposure to the nation's - and the world's - work in space, so they can create exciting new programs for successive generations of students," said Michelle Bandoian, Boeing manager of community relations. "Since 1992, we've sponsored more than 180 teachers for this program, who, in turn, have inspired and educated more than 20,000 students about space and science."

The teachers come from U.S. locations in which The Boeing Company has facilities and from the partner countries of the International Space Station.

Attention Editors:

A list of individuals from your circulation area follows. The educators involved return home after the close of the session on July 28, 1999. Editors are invited to contact the Public or Community Relations representatives at their local sites to arrange interviews of participating teachers.

Brazil	Nirce Pereira de Souza - Universidade do Vale do Paraiba - Sao Jose dos Campos
Italy	Paolo De Marchis - Liceo Classico Statale E Instituto Professionale - Torino Carlo Villavecchia - Liceo Classico Statale E Insituto Professionale - Torino
Japan	Gen Kawase - Katsushika Junior High School - Tokyo
Russia	Alexander Serebrov - All Russian Aerospace Society - Moscow
Alabama	Barbara Adams - Bob Jones High School - Madison Jane Knight - Danville-Neel Elementary - Danville
California	Toni Cummings - Sunkist Elementary - Anaheim James DuVal - Mesa View Middle School - Huntington Beach Trina Dye - International Elementary - Long Beach Roger Brossmer - Downey High School - Downey Julie Bookman - Palmdale High School - Palmdale Peter Finstuen - Sycamore Elementary - Simi Valley
Florida	Gil Burlew - Palm Bay High School - Melbourne
Kansas	Janet Baker - Kellogg Science/Technology Elementary Magnet - Wichita Sherrie Rebel - Derby Hills Elementary - Derby
Mississippi	Melissa Jane Dodson - Long Beach High School - Long Beach
Missouri	Christopher Gardner - Cool Valley - Florissant Dulcie Scalf - Robinwood Elementary -- Florissant
Ohio	Criss Nadolson - Lakewood Junior High - Hebron
Oklahoma	Rebecca Harris - Kendall-Whittier Elementary - Tulsa
Pennsylvania	Thomas Locklear - Blessed Katharine Drexel - Chester Dorothy Waninger - Lakeview Elementary - Ridley Park
Texas	Gloria Hodges - High school for Engineering Professions - Houston Angela Thompson - Riverside High School - El Paso
Washington	William Ardissono - Kamiak High School - Mukilteo Aracelis Hartley-Lewis - Northwood Junior High - Renton Ron Pearson - Voyager Middle School - Everett Andrew Song - Glenridge Elementary - Renton

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