

## **Offutt Youth to Attend Air Force Space Camp**

Two members of Offutt AFB's Youth Programs were recently selected to attend the 2009 Air Force Space Camp in Huntsville, AL. Gregory Scarbrough and Ryan Wheatly are two of just sixteen selectees to the AFSC's Advanced Space Academy, an intense immersion in the past, present, and future of space exploration.

Students at the AFSC participate in exciting hands-on learning experiences, including rope courses, SCUBA training, gravity training, rocket building and launching, and scientific experiments. High school students who attend the Advanced Space Academy also participate in teambuilding and leadership exercises, and track select as "mission specialists" or "pilots" for more in-depth training.

The application to the AFSC is competitive and requires information about students' extracurricular, leadership, and volunteer activities, as well as two essays, one about students' career goals and the other about theoretical Mars expeditions. Gregory Scarbrough, a sophomore at Bellevue East High School, wrote about his interests in astronomy, forensics, and anthropology. Ryan Wheatly, a junior at Plattsmouth High School, wrote about his goals with mechanics, aeronautics, and technology. The two Offutt AFB selectees will spend six days in July at the 2009 AFSC Advanced Space Academy.

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