



STARBASE Rapid City to graduate its 300th academy

RAPID CITY, S.D. – STARBASE Rapid City will be graduating its 300th academy, or class, on Oct. 6 at 1 p.m. (MDT) at the Duke Corning Armory on Camp Rapid.

The graduation will mark a momentous achievement in the local program, which has educated approximately 7,000 Rapid City and surrounding area youth since 2002 in challenging hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

STARBASE is a premier Department of Defense educational program sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, where students interact with military personnel to explore careers and observe STEM applications in a real-world environment. The program provides students with 20-25 hours of stimulating experiences at National Guard, Navy, Marine, Air Force Reserve and Air Force bases across the nation.

STARBASE South Dakota has four locations throughout the state: STARBASE Rapid City, STARBASE Sioux Falls, and two Native American/Rural Outreach mobile programs STARBASE NOVA (New Opportunities, Visions, and Attitudes) Honor, and STARBASE NOVA Courage.

The South Dakota STARBASE program relies heavily on community support for its success, and is also a member of local chambers of commerce for further program integration into local communities.

More information regarding STARBASE, please visit their website at www.starbasedod.com. For information about the graduation or ceremony please contact Sarah Jensen at (605) 484-8684 or email sarah@sdstarbase.org.

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STARBASE Mission Statement: By exposing youth to the technological environments and positive role models found on military bases and installations, we will provide 20-25 hours of exemplary instruction, using a common core curriculum that meets or exceeds the national standards. We will nurture a winning network of collaborators and build mutual loyalty.