

## Ooty students getting ready to attend space camp in the U.S.

**It will impart realistic and interactive astronaut training:**



**READY TO TAKE OFF:** Students of the Good Shepherd International School, near Udhamandalam, who will be attending the space camp in the U.S.

On May 18, 2008, 38 students and 2 staff of **Good Shepherd International School** will travel to Huntsville, Alabama, USA, to participate in a **SPACE CAMP** conducted by the United States Space and Rocket Center, the official Visitor Center for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Marshall Space Flight Center. The Space Camp will be held from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

Space Camp will provide participants with a realistic and interactive astronaut training programme that exposes them to math, science, engineering and technology concepts in a safe and encouraging environment giving them the total space travel simulation experience. Established in 1965 by the State of Alabama, the U.S Space and Rocket Center is a leading hands-on space science

museum in the world, and since 1982, they have fostered Space Mission Training for national and international students of different age groups i.e., Space Camp (for 9-11 year olds) Space Academy (12-14 year olds) and Advanced Space Academy (15-18 year olds).

Indian students from various schools around the country have been participating in these programmes in large numbers in recent years.

This year, students from GSIS will be a large part of the Indian contingent to Space Camp and will participate in a range of exhilarating and enriching educational as well as sheer fun activities like rocket construction, astronaut simulations, jet fighter sims, shuttle mission sims, robotics, pilot tracks and SCUBA tracks, to name just a few.

Apart from giving the participants an incredible advantage in terms of learning beyond the walls of the classroom, students will also benefit from advancing certain invaluable life skills such as reasoning, decision making, teamwork, independence, communication skills, acceptance and positive self-image building, perseverance and leadership skills by immersing themselves in activities and interaction with students and staff from all over the world in a truly international context.

This endeavour from GSIS will further enhance the holistic schooling experience for our students; it will go an extra mile in giving our students an edge over their counterparts elsewhere, what has always been the aim and the strength of this institution.