



# Two New York Ham Radio Educational Stations

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- **Norm Wesler Memorial Amateur Radio Station @ the NYC Center for Space Science Education a great Success**
- **Campers earn their Amateur Radio Licenses**

## Ham Radio at the NYC Center for Space Science Education

Twenty seven fifth graders visiting the New York City Center for Space Science Education had the unexpected surprise of being able to monitor live radio communications between space shuttle Discovery and Houston ground control.

Through the efforts of the Steve Jacobson Memorial Amateur Radio Association and the generosity of Etta Wesler W2ETA, the New York City Center for Space Science Educa-

tion has an operating Amateur radio station on premises. The equipment for the station was donated by Etta in memory of her late husband Norm K2YEW. Norm was an avid Amateur Radio operator and taught radio electronics to hundreds of students through the years; Etta generously donated the proceeds of Norm's station for educational purposes to enhance the facilities available to New York City public school students.



Operating under club call sign N2SJ the students received a demonstration of Amateur Radio and monitored re-broadcasting of live shuttle transmissions. The students also viewed a short video "Hello" produced by the ARRL, the National Radio .



*Campers monitor the low earth orbiting communications satellite AO-27*

## Camp Ramah Campers Earn Ham Radio License

Summer 2008 was a banner year for the HAM Radio program at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires. Twenty-five campers from Shorashim, Tzeirim, Sollelim and Bogrim embarked on an exciting program to explore the magic of shortwave radio and immerse themselves in a wonderful hobby. One group

from Shorashim even got to track, locate and monitor communications from the orbiting satellite AO-27! In addition to contacting other Amateur Radio stations near and far, participants embark on a self study program. Those who are ready will be able to take the Federal Communications Com

mission license exam right here at camp and earn their own FCC call sign!

Our Amateur Radio Station N2SJ has logged in stations as close as Poughkeepsie and as far away as Hawaii. We enjoyed our special visit to the ARRL-The National Association for Amateur



**Ham Radio Station named for Norm Wesler K2YEW (SK)**

**Made possible by generosity of Etta Wesler W2ETA**

## Ham Radio at Space Science Center in NYC

Space shuttle Discovery was on the tail end of its 13-day mission ST-119. They had separated from the International Space Station a day before and were preparing for the return trip to earth the following day. The students from PS 110 who were visiting the New York City Center For Space Science Education and had just completed a half day session go-

ing over basics of the space shuttle program. Part of what they have learned from that morning was how kids all over the world are able to speak at times with astronauts aboard the International Space Station and the space shuttle via Amateur Radio.

The Steve Jacobson Memorial Amateur Radio Association

wishes to thank the generosity of Etta Wesler in funding the Norm Wessler Memorial Station at the New York City Center for Space Science Education.

The Steve Jacobson Memorial Amateur Radio Association is non-profit 501(c)3 organization committed to education through amateur radio.

**The fifth graders from PS 110 were very interested in how the astronauts used Ham Radio to speak to people on earth.**

## Campers Earn Ham Radio Licenses

Radio in Newington Connecticut, where we operated W1AW, the premiere Amateur Radio Station in North America.

Our own camp station, N2SJ, has been enhanced by a donation of equipment made by Etta Wesler W2ETA from the radio collection of her late husband Norm

Wesler K2YEW; a prominent Amateur Radio enthusiast from Long Island. The Amateur Radio program is brought to Camp Ramah by the Steve Jacobson Memorial Amateur Radio Association.

We would like to extend out heartfelt appreciation to PEARL-the Putnum

Emergency Amateur Repeater League for the ongoing technical support. Members of their Volunteer Examiners team have come to camp yearly for the last eight years. Through their efforts well over a dozen campers have been licensed.

We are indebted to WPIX and the Tribune NY Foundation for their support of our educational programs.

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*Campers studying Morse Code in camp Amateur Radio Program Through the Steve Jacobson Memorial Amateur Radio Association.*

