Live from IPY! with Kirk Beckendorf

Live from the Antarctic Weather Stations Expedition **Mc Murdo Station, Antarctica**



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Today's event will be recorded and archived at www.polartrec.com.

What is PolarTREC?

PolarTREC is a professional development experience in which K-12 teachers are paired with researchers in authentic polar research experiences.

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In the next three years over 40 teachers from around the United States will join scientists in the Arctic and Antarctica in celebration of the International Polar Year!

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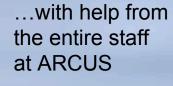
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International Polar Year (IPY) 2007-2009

The International Polar Year (2007-2009) is an exciting scientific campaign focusing on the world's polar regions!

IPY is a time for discovery, science, learning, and awareness about the polar regions with activities for youth, scientists, and the public.



Who are we talking with today?





Researcher

Jonas Asuma University of Wisconsin- Madison



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George Weidner University of Wisconsin- Madison



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Jonathan Thom University of Wisconsin- Madison



Researcher

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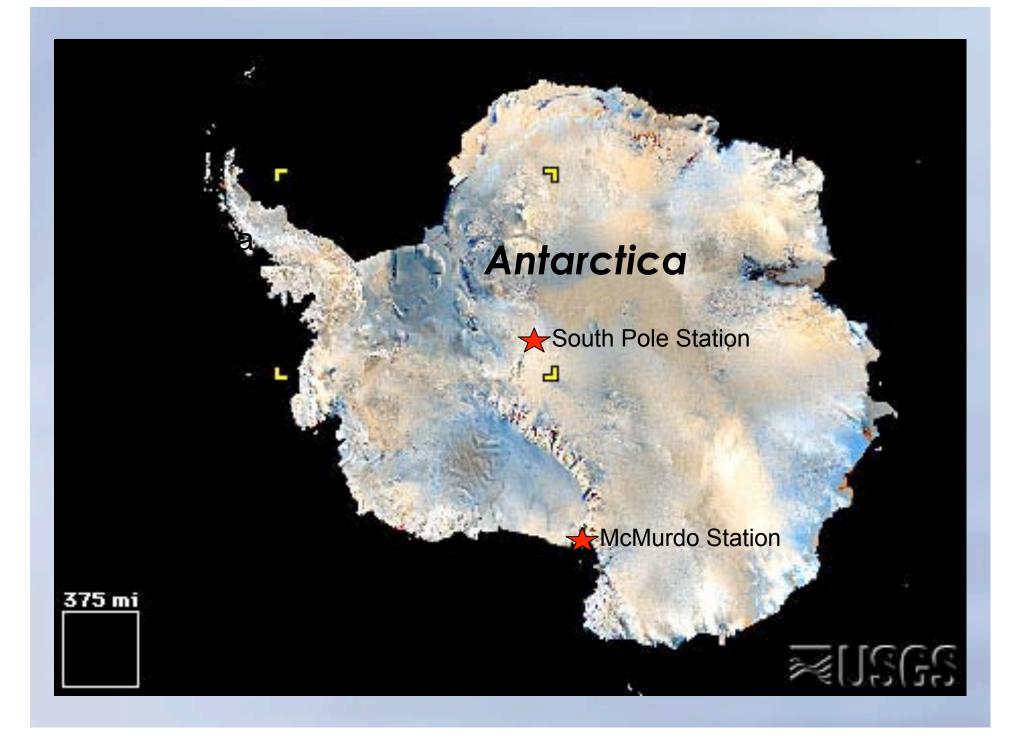
Kirk Beckendorf Blanco Middle School Blanco, TX

Antarctic Weather Stations Expedition

Mr. Beckendorf and the team will be deploying, supporting, and maintaining a network of instruments that take automated weather measurements throughout the year.

Since the beginning of the project in 1980, there have been approximately 100 weather stations deployed across Antarctica

The data are transmitted via satellite in real-time and are a very important part of many scientific projects taking place in Antarctica, as these stations provide the only weather measurements available on most parts of the continent.



Preparing for Antarctica



Extreme Cold Weather (ECW) Gear

Getting to Antarctica

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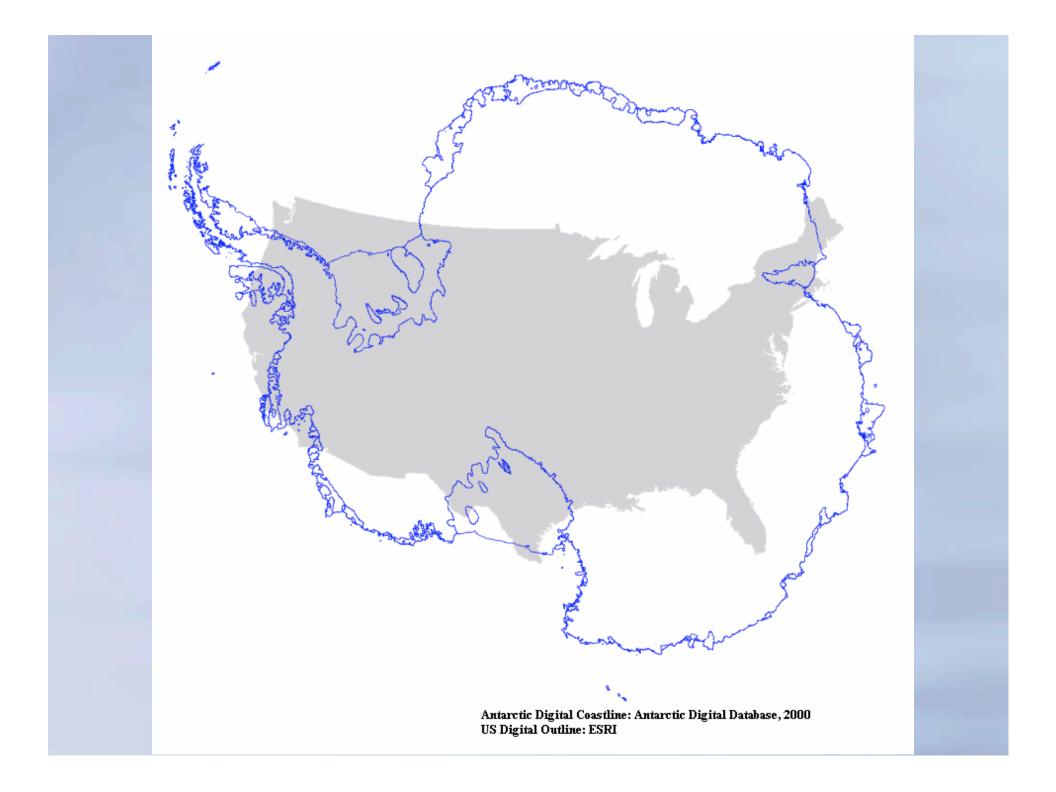


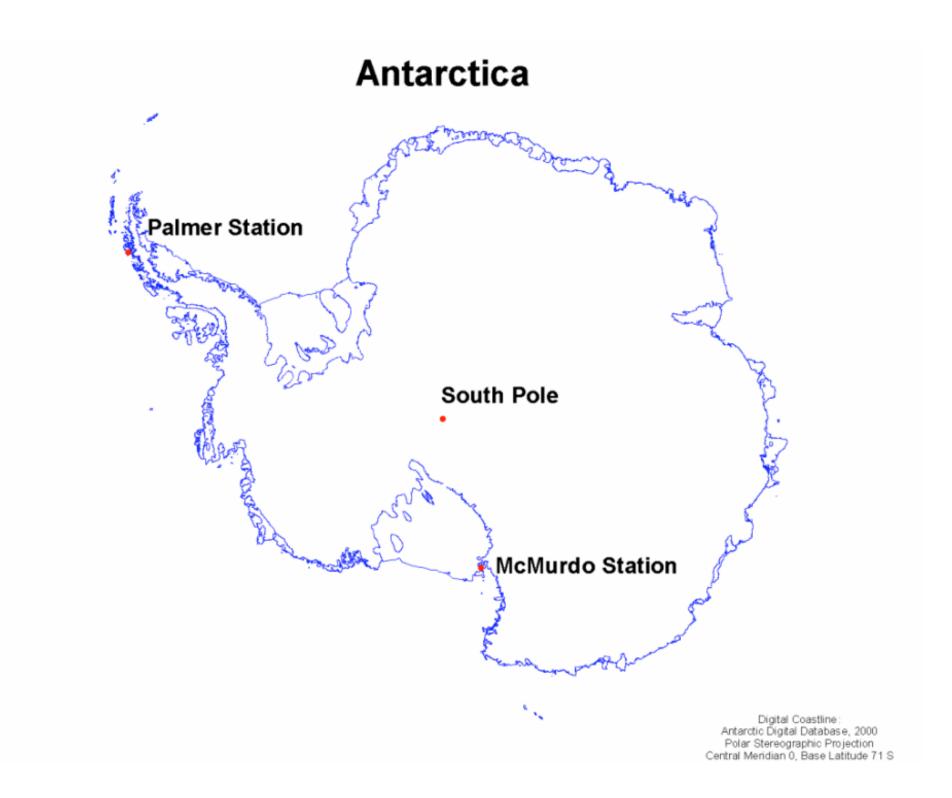


Where is Mr. Beckendorf and the Team?

Political Map of the World, April 2006







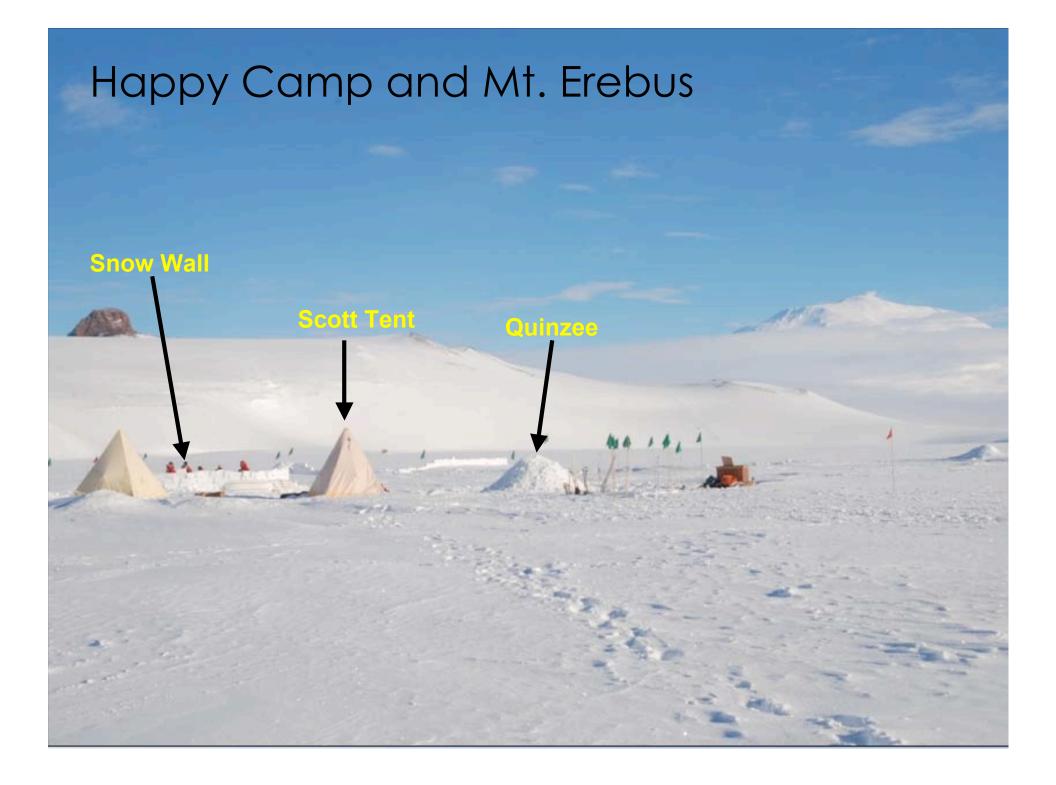


McMurdo Station



Happy Camper School

Making Snow Blocks and Building a Snow Wall



Life in a Quinzee









Around McMurdo

McMurdo Sound Sea Ice at One o'clock in the Morning!





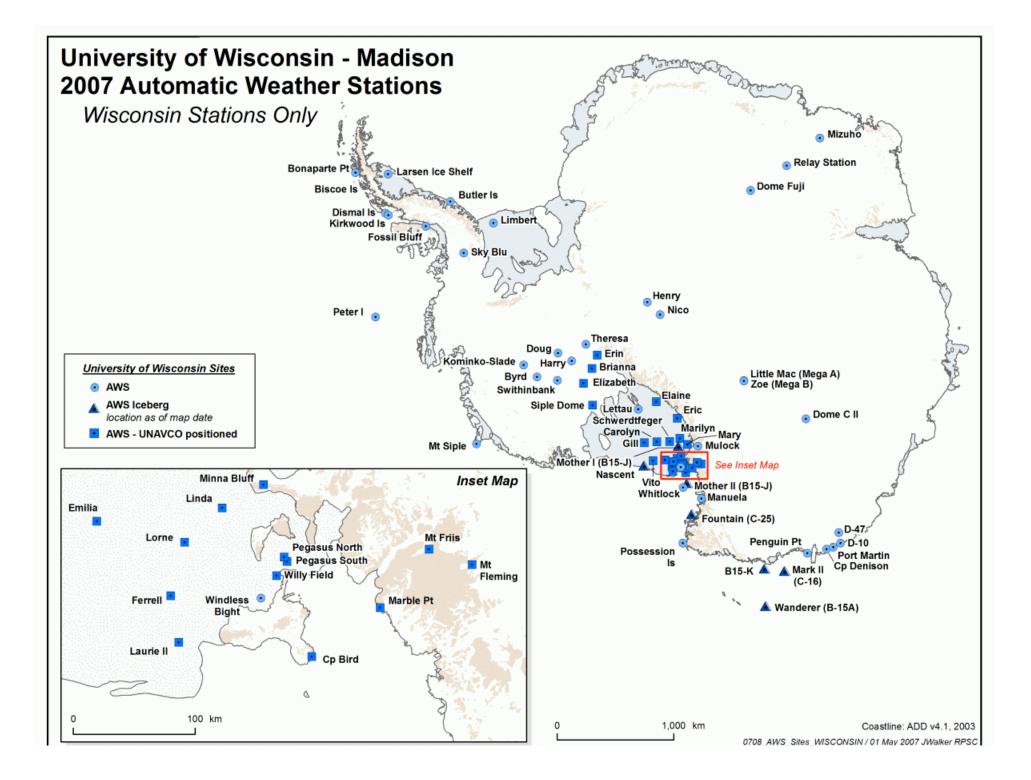


McMurdo vs Scott Base Rugby Match on the McMurdo Ice Shelf



Science: The Reason We're Here

Jonathan and George repair a weather station.





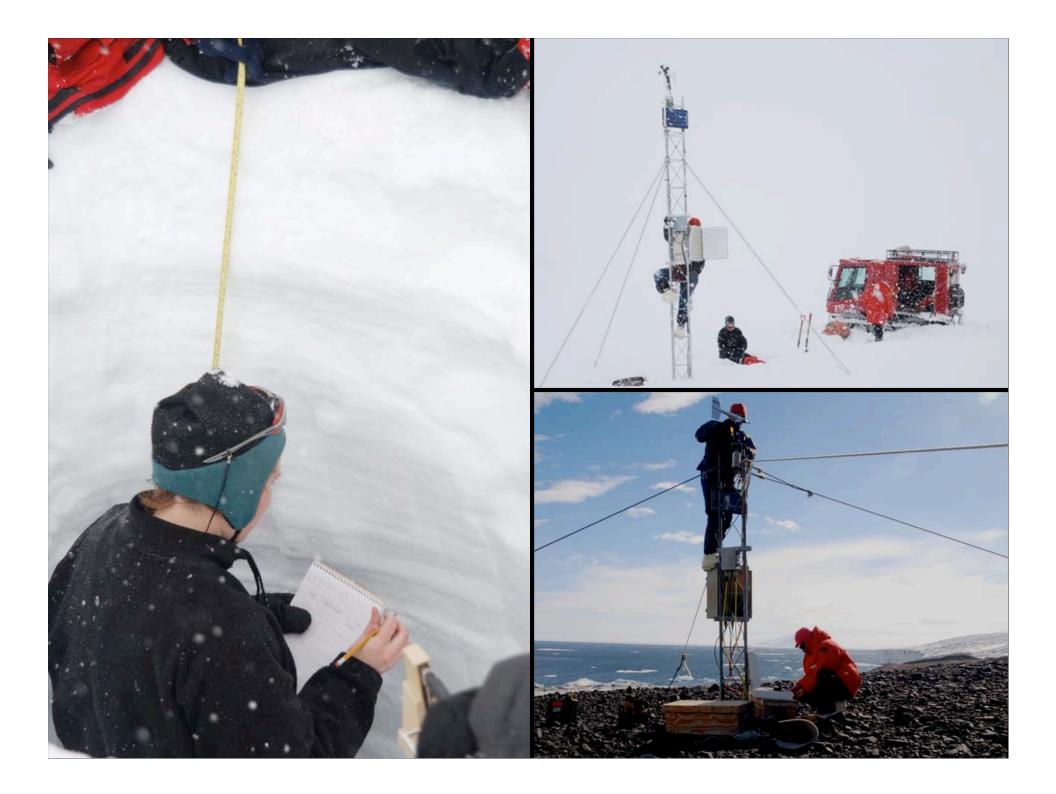
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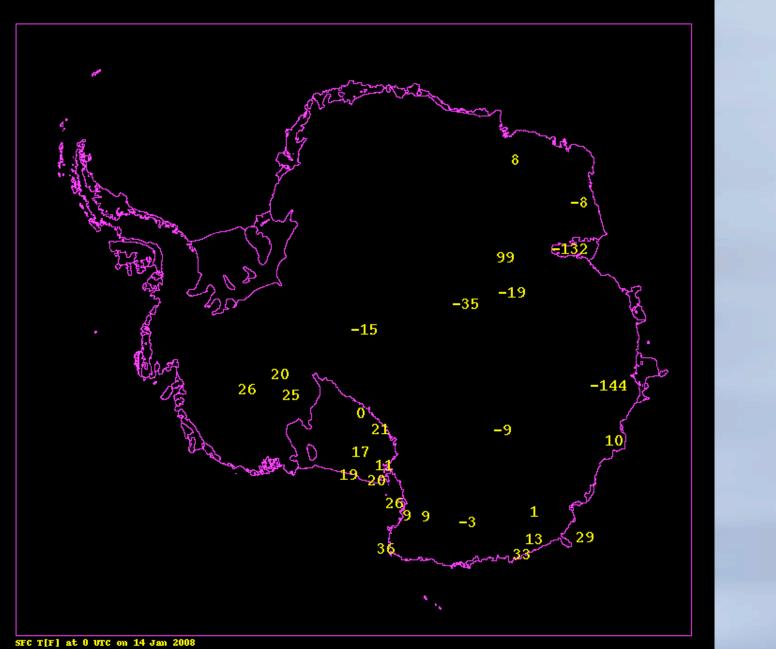


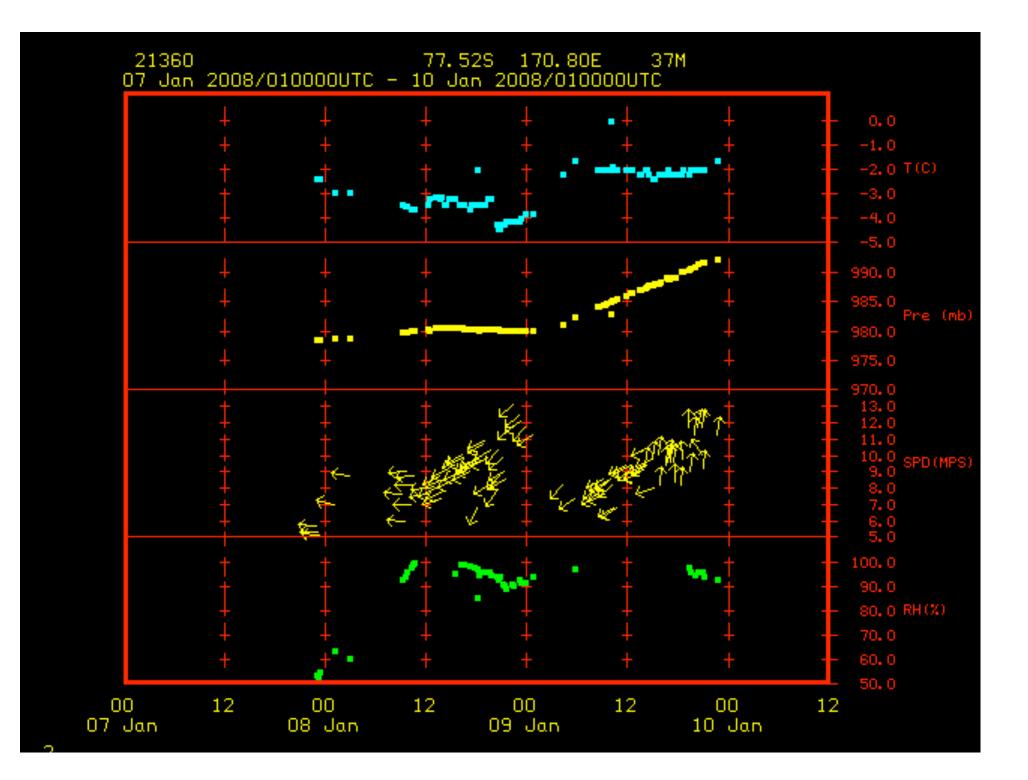


Pisten Bully (above)

Helicopter (left)



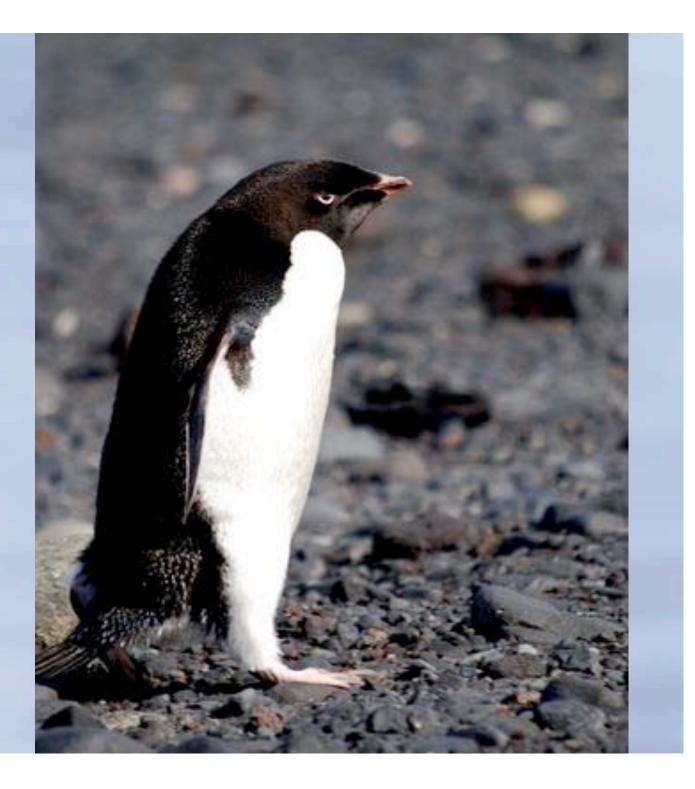




Adelie Penguin Rookery at Cape Bird



Adelie Penguin

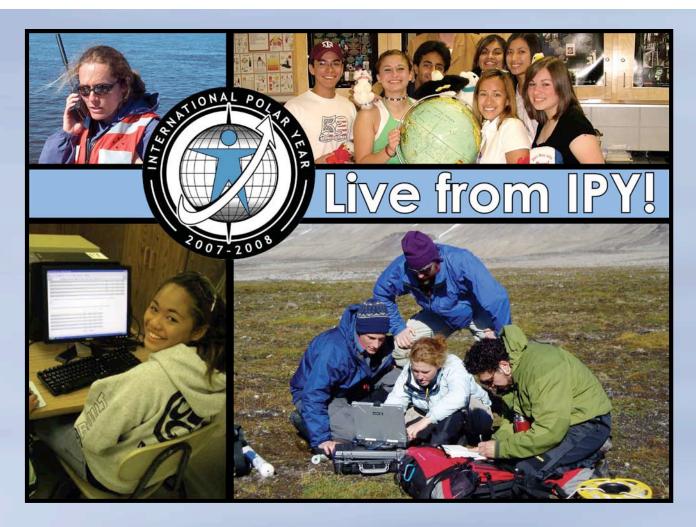


Antarctic Standoff



Questions?

McMurdo Station with Mt. Discovery in the background.



New expeditions and events starting: SPRING 2008!

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Thank You!

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