

# Aerospace Education Newsbrief

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*The purpose of CAP's AE program is to infuse the aerospace theme in youth development programs to perpetuate an interest in and knowledge about science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects and careers...*

*CAP provides a monthly AE e-Newsbrief for those interested in promoting aerospace education to the membership of CAP and to the general public. This is an easy one-stop location for current AE news, contests, grants, web sites, workshops, and information to share with your organization. It is hoped that at least ONE informational item will be useful in inspiring the next generation of aerospace enthusiasts and national workforce. To communicate with the CAP National Headquarters Aerospace Education team, contact [ae@capnhq.gov](mailto:ae@capnhq.gov)*

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### **HOT NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES...**

- 1. NEW! Register Now for CAP's 2012 Annual Conference & National Board** – CAP will hold its annual summer conference in Baltimore, Maryland, from August 21-25, with special sessions for all areas of CAP being held on August 21-22 and the conference meeting on August 23-25. To find out more, and to register, visit <https://events.capnhq.gov/OnlineStore/2012AnnualConferenceandNationalBoard.aspx>.
- 2. REGISTER NOW! Registration for the 2013 AFA CyberPatriot V competition began on April 1.** Two divisions for the Air Force Association's CyberPatriot Program will accommodate ANY high school student in our nation! In the **All Service Division**, teams of 4-6 cadets from CAP, and from Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine JROTC can register AT NO COST! (These cadets' parent organizations cover the cost for these teams and two adult leaders.) In the **Open Division**, teams of 4-6 students from any public, private, parochial, or home school can register for \$375. For more information, go to [www.uscyberpatriot.org](http://www.uscyberpatriot.org). For CAP's CyberPatriot page, click [here](#). **Register by 1 September 2012!!!**
- 3. AEOs - Register Now for the National AEO School in Pensacola, Florida!** The 11<sup>th</sup> annual National AEO School will be held at the Pensacola NAS in Pensacola, Florida from **June 19-23, 2012**. Go to the AE website at [www.capmembers.com/ae](http://www.capmembers.com/ae) and click on AEO Resources link and then click on the first bullet, "AEO School" to apply. To find out about regional AEO Schools such as GLR AEO School to be held in Dayton, OH from **August 8-11** or PCR AEO School to be held in Las Vegas, NV from **November 10-14**, go to "What's New" on the website above and scroll down to AEO Announcements.
- 4. Monthly cyber security news from AFA-** The CyberPatriot team has developed a new [CyberSentinel monthly newsletter](#). Check out the variety of great cyber information in the May edition. The June edition should be out in late June.

5. **CAP Teacher Member Air Force Association AE Grant Recipients Announced-** Due to the generous financial support of the AFA, 20 CAP teacher members have received \$250 grants to promote aerospace and related careers. A very competitive grant selection process is demonstrating a sense of enthusiasm toward the promotion of aerospace education in schools nationwide. CAP aerospace educators across the country are initiating quality programs to enhance AE in their schools. CAP is very appreciative to the AFA for the continuous support to CAP's AE initiatives. To view the spring quarter educator grant recipients, click [here](#).
  - **JUNE 30 DEADLINE!** The next AFA grant cycle is for **CAP units**. Click on and complete the application for [units](#) by June 30, 2012. The next cycle for the CAP [educators](#) will be September 30, 2012. For info: [afa@capnhq.gov](mailto:afa@capnhq.gov). (See associated photo at the end of this document.)
6. **Register NOW for 2012 Zero Robotics Tournament!** NASA, along with several partners, are offering a no-cost robotics tournament for any group of high school students from any school or youth organization, including CAP squadrons. This fall, students will have the opportunity to design experiments that will be tested in space. Zero Robotics challenges high school student teams to write their own algorithms to fly the Synchronized Position Hold, Engage, Reorient, Experimental Satellites, or SPHERES. The competition starts online where teams compete to solve an annual challenge guided by mentors. Students can create, edit, share, save, simulate and submit code, all from a web browser. After several phases of virtual competition, finalists are selected to compete in a live championship aboard the International Space Station! For more information, go to <http://zerorobotics.mit.edu/> and/or e-mail [zerorobotics@mit.edu](mailto:zerorobotics@mit.edu). **Register by September 21, 2012!**
7. **Know a Teacher or Leader of a Youth Organization Who Could Benefit from a CAP Aerospace Education Membership (AEM)?-** Please share information found at [www.capmembers.com/ae](http://www.capmembers.com/ae) with those interested in promoting STEM subjects and careers to K-12 youth across our country. With over 30 free K-12 products and programs, to include the unique Teacher Orientation Program (TOP) Flight, this special category of membership requires no meetings, no uniforms, and no progression in rank---only an interest in inspiring youth toward aerospace! For an 11-minute video explanation of the AEM program, go to the AEO Resources link at [www.capmembers.com/ae](http://www.capmembers.com/ae) where the AEM video is at the bottom of the page. To join online, educators can go to [www.capmembers.com/joinaem](http://www.capmembers.com/joinaem). **(Civil Air Patrol members and teachers: Join hands with your area AFA chapter wherein AFA chapters can offer complimentary AE (teacher) memberships to perpetuate the AFA AE mission using CAP's aerospace and cadet programs. To find an AFA chapter near you, go to [http://www.afa.org/contact\\_link\\_search.asp](http://www.afa.org/contact_link_search.asp). To find out more about what AFA does for CAP and what CAP does for AFA, click on the AFA Partnership page at [www.capmembers.com/afa](http://www.capmembers.com/afa). More info below.)**
8. **Air Force Association (AFA) Opportunities for CAP -** To find out all of the opportunities for grants and awards provided CAP members by the Air Force Association, click on the AFA Partnership link on the CAP AE Website at [www.capmembers.com/afa](http://www.capmembers.com/afa). CAP, in return, provides complimentary memberships and Teacher Orientation Program (TOP) Flights to AFA State and Chapter Teachers of the Year and a special sponsorship opportunity for other teachers working with local AFA Chapters. CAP members are encouraged to become members of their local AFA Chapters to synergistically promote aerospace education throughout our nation.
9. **AFA's CYBERVILLE LIVE!** – The Air Force Association's Facebook cyber game called "CyberVille" can be found by logging on to Facebook, and then navigating in a browser to <http://apps.facebook.com/cyberville/>. This game uses strategy and a quick hand on the button

to repel waves of ugly make-believe cyber attackers who try to hack cell phone systems, bank accounts, and the local electric company. The game does a great job at a concept level of showing how pervasive cyber systems are, and how much is at risk if we don't practice cyber security. CyberVille is also designed to draw a broad audience to this STEM program, as well as offer the opportunity to learn more about CyberPatriot by following a link to the AFA website [www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org).

**10. AFA Developing Museum Initiative-** The AFA is trying to locate aviation and/or space museums around the country with which to partner in conducting educational outreach programs to promote STEM subjects and careers. CAP is partnering with the AFA to provide educational products and programs to museums wishing to become involved in youth outreach initiatives. For more information, check out the AFA Museum Initiative link at [www.capmembers.com/afa](http://www.capmembers.com/afa) or contact [afa@capnhq.gov](mailto:afa@capnhq.gov) with information about a museum near you that might be interested.

**11. Current Events on NATCAP Aerospace Daily –** The CAP National Capitol Wing in Washington, D.C. has a website that keeps up-to-date events concerning aviation and space on the following link: <http://paper.li/NatCapWing/aerospace>.

**12. CAP Partners With Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) –** The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and CAP have a synergistic partnership initiative to promote model aeronautics to youth. Go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XJa2naDa5Q> to watch an 8-minute video clip which has a nice introduction to the history of CAP, along with a brief explanation of CAP's three missions near the end of the video.

- **AMA is offering a FREE membership to CAP cadets** (under the age of 19), as well as access to the many clubs and experts in model aeronautics available to assist cadets and units in furthering the model aeronautics experience. To receive the free membership and find out more about what the AMA club nearest you has to offer, visit the AMA website at <http://www.modelaircraft.org/membership/clubs.aspx>.

**13. STARBASE Academies Provided Class Sets of CAP AE Materials!**- DoD STARBASE Academies across the nation are provided class sets of AE materials that embed a Drug-free Awareness message to all classes attending the academies, courtesy of the CAP AE and Drug Demand Reduction Program. Also, in an effort to perpetuate the STARBASE STEM focus for classes when they return to their schools, the CAP has partnered with STARBASE to provide AE products and programs to the teachers in the school systems near the academy. For more information, contact Susan Mallett @ [smallett@capnhq.gov](mailto:smallett@capnhq.gov) and/or check out the STARBASE link at [www.capmembers.com/sb](http://www.capmembers.com/sb).

**14. Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC) and News from the National Association of Rocketry (NAR) –**

- NAR is working on developing a training and certification program aimed at providing primary and secondary teachers with the knowledge and skills needed to make use of model rockets in their classrooms. This will enhance the STEM curricula in the school. Those completing the NAR program will be recognized by the NAR as official “rocket teachers.” NAR needs input from teachers on what should be included in this program. NAR is also looking for a catchy name for this program. If you have any ideas on this please contact Jonathan Sivier at [jsivier@illinois.edu](mailto:jsivier@illinois.edu).
- The national competition has ended and preparations are in place to launch a new year of rocketry challenges. Stay up to date at <http://www.rocketcontest.org/>.

**15. NEW! RAISE (Recognizing Aviation and Aerospace Innovation in Science Engineering) Award** – The Secretary of Transportation’s RAISE Award will recognize innovative scientific and engineering concepts by students that will have a significant impact on the future of aerospace or aviation. High school and university students are encouraged to forward submissions. Submission deadline is **July 26, 2012**. For more information, visit <http://challenge.gov/DOT/345-raise-recognizing-aviation-and-aerospace-innovation-in-science-and-engineering-award>.

**16. NEW JUNE LISTINGS! Look for the latest offerings on NASA TV** – The June NASA Television Education File Schedule (beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>) can be found at <http://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/topnav/schedule/index.html>. NASA TV’s main site can be located at <http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/nasatv/index.html>.

**17. NASA OPPORTUNITIES** for the education community:

- **NASA G.I.R.L.S. (Giving Initiative and Relevance to Learning Science) Mentoring Project** – Women@NASA has created a mentoring project that offers a one-of-a-kind experience for middle school girls. Participants will get to explore the possibilities of a career in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Applications will be open for submission on **May 15** and due **June 15, 2012**. For more information and to register online, visit <http://women.nasa.gov/nasa-g-i-r-l-s/>.
- **Lunar and Planetary Institute Workshop: Mars Revealed** – The Lunar and Planetary Institute and the ChemCam team invite high school teachers, both in-service and pre-service to attend the “Mars Revealed: Evolving Technology, Advancing Science” workshop. This five-day workshop will take place in Houston, Texas, on **July 9-13, 2012**. Workshop registration is free and participants will receive a \$700 stipend upon completion of the workshop. This workshop is limited to 20 participants, **so apply early!** For more information and to register for the workshops, visit <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/workshops/mars/>.
- **2012 Lunar Workshops for Educators** – NASA’s Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, or LRO, mission is sponsoring a series of workshops for educators of students in grades 6-12. These workshops will focus on lunar science, exploration and how our understanding of the moon is evolving with the new data from current and recent lunar missions. Workshops will take place in the following locations: **June 4-8, 2012** – Durango Discovery Museum, Durango, Colorado; **June 18-22, 2012** – Morehead State University, Morehead, Kentucky; **June 25-29, 2012** – Lunar and Planetary Institute, Houston, Texas; **July 9-13, 2012** – NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland; and **July 30 – August 3, 2012** – Museum of the North, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska. Each workshop is limited to 25 participants. For more information and to register for the workshops, visit <http://lunar.gsfc.nasa.gov/lwe/index.html>.
- **Astronaut Don Pettit Demonstrates Science Concepts in “Science off the Sphere” Video Series** – NASA and the American Physical Society, or APS, have entered into a partnership to share unique videos from the International Space Station with students, educators, and science fans around the world. NASA astronaut Don Pettit will use everyday objects from Earth to demonstrate physics through the “Science off the Sphere” video series. For more information and to view the science demonstrations, visit <http://www.physicscentral.com/sots>.
- **New Content on NASA’s Math and Science @ Work Website** – This project provides activities teachers can download for use in high school advanced-placement mathematics and science courses. There are more than 30 activities that will engage students in physics, chemistry, biology, calculus and statistics while giving them insight into NASA’s programs, projects and careers. To download the free Math and Science @ Work activities, visit <http://www.nasa.gov/education/mathandscience>.

- **NASA Launches New *ISSLive!* Website** – *ISSLive!* is an innovative, interactive Web-based initiative that provides a novel way to learn about the International Space Station. To find out more, visit <http://spacestationlive.jsc.nasa.gov>.
- **Download the New “Satellite Insight” Game** – “Satellite Insight” for iPhone and other Apple iOS devices is now available on iTunes. It’s free and challenging. To find out more, visit <http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/iOS/>.
- **Electronic Professional Development Network Courses** – NASA’s Learning Environments and Research Network and the Georgia Institute of Technology have teamed up to create the electronic professional development network, or e-PDN, an initiative dedicated to preparing K-12 teachers to engage their students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, or STEM, through NASA-developed learning materials and resources. To find out the current listing of courses, visit [http://nasaepdn.gatech.edu/nasa\\_certificates.php](http://nasaepdn.gatech.edu/nasa_certificates.php).
- **Astronomy Curriculum: Afterschool Universe** – Afterschool Universe is a hands-on astronomy curriculum targeted at middle school out-of-school-time settings. Developed in 2006 and rigorously pilot-tested and evaluated, the 12-session program explores basic astronomy concepts through engaging hands-on activities and takes participants on a journey through the universe beyond the solar system. To learn more about the program, visit <http://universe.nasa.gov/afterschool/>.
- **What’s New At NASA’s Space Place** – Space Place (K-6 educators) has a new look and new features. Look for: resources available in Spanish; careers of passionate NASA scientists and engineers; image gallery; new activities; “special days” information and activities; and more...To find out more, visit <http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/>.
- Learn about the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program by visiting the SSEP Mission 1 to ISS National Announcement of Opportunity at <http://ssep.ncesse.org/2011/07/immediate-historic-opportunity-for-schools-student-spaceflight-experiments-program-mission-1-to-the-international-space-station/> or e-mail [jeffgoldstein@ncesse.org](mailto:jeffgoldstein@ncesse.org).
- **NASA Students on Facebook: New Page** – The NASA Students on Facebook site has moved to a new page within Facebook. To receive daily updates on Facebook, please visit the page the hit the like button located toward the top of the page. The student Facebook page highlights opportunities open to students in grades 9-12 and above and broadcasts information regarding feature articles, podcasts, videos, and more that might be of interest to high school and college groups. If you have the old site bookmarked, that link will no longer contain updated information. Please change to the new address: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/NASA-Students-at-www.nasa.gov/176813089042984?v=wall>.

***MORE AE OPPORTUNITIES AND INFO.....***

**18. NEED AE ASSISTANCE? Contact a CAP Aerospace Education Officer (AEO) to Assist YOU in AE Initiatives!**- CAP has a current roster of each state (wing) volunteer Director of Aerospace Education (DAE) and volunteer Regional Deputy Chief of Staff/AE with contact information for assistance in the implementation of AE activities with cadets, youth in schools and organizations, and teachers. The volunteer AE Officer roster is found at the bottom of the page at [www.capmembers.com/ae](http://www.capmembers.com/ae). Air Force Association members, and other organizational persons interested in promoting AE in their communities, should work with their area DAE who will direct them to local AEOs for assistance! For any AEO within CAP who wishes to assist in AE initiatives, contact the National AE Advisor to the National Commander, Lt Col Mike McArdle, at [michael.mcardle@att.net](mailto:michael.mcardle@att.net). To work with any AE staff member of the National Headquarters, located at Maxwell Air Force Base, contact [ae@capnhq.gov](mailto:ae@capnhq.gov).

- 19. CAP Aerospace Education Members (AEMs) and Senior Members who are teachers can take to the skies!** Find the key to inspiring your students to want to learn more in your classroom this year! Take a CAP Teacher Orientation Program (TOP) Flight in a CAP airplane. Contact Judy Stone at [jstone@capnhq.gov](mailto:jstone@capnhq.gov) to connect YOU with your state's volunteer Director of Aerospace Education (DAE) who can help make the **TOP Flight** a reality for you! Experience this unique opportunity that will lift your spirits and your mind toward innovative ways to inspire and motivate your students toward science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subjects and careers!
- 20. Aerospace Dimensions Modules** – The six **Aerospace Dimensions** modules for Phase I and II cadets and for middle schools across America are online in e-services and can be purchased through **Vanguard**.
- 21. CAP Aerospace Education Offers CAP-TERS Program** – CAP introduces a new satellite imaging program aligned with geography, as well as the information on airports found in Module 2 of Aerospace Dimensions. The **Civil Air Patrol Teachers Educational Remote Sensing** program (CAP-TERS) was developed in an effort to combine satellite imagery, an imagery viewer, and lesson plans into a single location for use in any educational setting. This program also offers teachers or Aerospace Education Officers a viable tool to teach geography and aerospace education in an interesting and relevant hands-on format. To find out about the program, go to the “**AE: What’s New?**” link on the AE Website, [www.capmembers.com/ae](http://www.capmembers.com/ae).
- 22. College- level AFROTC Arnold Air Society (AAS) and Silver Wings (SW) teams use the CAP ACE Program to mentor students in the Elementary STEM Orientation(ESO) Program and the Active America Program-** College AAS and SW students are to be commended for their efforts to provide mentoring and motivation toward STEM subjects and careers to elementary students across the nation. Using the free curriculum and educational materials provided by CAP, these exemplary college students are making a difference in the lives of young students all across America. AAS and SW teams have worked in classrooms, in community-based youth organizational programs, and even their own community events to share the principles of flight, rocketry, and other aerospace concepts with elementary students. Their purpose? Expose young people toward much-needed STEM career paths via engaging and exciting aerospace activities. Using the CAP's K-6 Aerospace Connections in Education (ACE) program, the students can learn about aerospace concepts that also include character education and physical fitness components which help students focus on being healthy, honest, and highly-qualified future contributing citizens of our country. The AAS/SW Joint National Project this year is Elementary STEM Outreach. **This program is endorsed and supported by the Air Force Association and CAP, so AFA chapters and/or CAP units should try to connect with these dynamic college students to help them promote the AE and STEM mission in AFA and CAP!** For more information about how to work with an AAS/SW group, go to: <http://arnold-air.org/joint-national-project/> and click on “Roster” to find an AAS unit or SW chapter near you. For more information, check out the ESO link at [www.capmembers.com/afa](http://www.capmembers.com/afa) and/or contact Susan Mallett at [smallett@capnhq.gov](mailto:smallett@capnhq.gov).
- 23. NASA Kids’ Club Games and Activities** – The NASA Kids’ Club has recently added new games and activities just in time for summer’s end and preparation for honing school skills! See what is available by visiting <http://nasa.gov/kidsclub>.
- 24. NASA Reveals New Batch of Space Program Artifacts for Loan** – NASA is inviting eligible education institutions, museums, and other organizations to examine and request space program artifacts online. Requestors should not talk directly to NASA. To find out about eligibility and procedures to access the module, visit <http://www.nasa.gov/transition>.

- 25. Note from CAP's Michael Murphy** – A good Website to look up airports, nav aids, current weather info, as well as Sectional charts in a Google-map format where you can pan, zoom in and out, are included at <http://www.airnav.com/>. Another good aviation site is <http://www.pilotoutlook.com>.
- 26. Join CAP AE on Facebook!** – Keep up with the latest information and hottest links in AE by going to CAP's AE FACEBOOK page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/CAP-Aerospace-Education/160129457350501>.
- 27. Music and Astronomy Under the Stars** – Join Dr. Donald Lubowich, coordinator of the Astronomy Outreach Program at Hofstra University in New York, for a series of events bringing astronomy to the public. Those attending the concerts will get a glimpse of the stars. To find out more information and see a full schedule, visit [http://www.hofstra.edu/Academics/Colleges/HCLAS/PHYSIC/physic\\_underthestars.html](http://www.hofstra.edu/Academics/Colleges/HCLAS/PHYSIC/physic_underthestars.html).
- 28. Host a "From Earth to the Solar System" Exhibit** – Celebrating NASA's Year of the Solar System, this exhibit is a collection of high-resolution images that showcase the excitement of planetary exploration. This collection is freely available to organizations worldwide to use to host their own exhibitions. Tips for the success of downloading and using these images are included on the website. For more information, visit <http://fettss.arc.nasa.gov>.
- 29. National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Offers Many Resources at No Charge** – Check the NSTA web site for free educational offers, as well as specific offers for members of NSTA. Visit <http://www.nsta.org/> and search on the left-side menu link "NSTA Learning Center."
- 30. NASA and You – NASA y Tu' Website** – NASA and Univision Communications Inc. have launched an on-air and online initiative to help engage Hispanic students. The NASA and You website inspires Hispanic students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The site features videos and information in both Spanish and English. The Website also includes information on educational opportunities for students. To view the "NASA and You" Website, visit <http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/nasaandyou/home/index.html>.
- 31. National Space Biomedical Research Institute** – This institute focuses on the effects of long-term spaceflight on the human body and how to counter any negative effects it might have. The institute provides educators with valuable teacher activity guides on Bones and Muscles, Food and Fitness, and Sleep and Daily Rhythms. To find out more about NSBRI go to <http://www.nsbri.org>. The link to the teacher guides is <http://www.nsbri.org/Education/Materials.html>.
- 32. Link to NASA's Virtual Skies Available on CAP AE Web site** – NASA has released the revised Virtual Skies program that introduces the key concepts in the world of aviation in six independent modules. Recommended for high school students and used by other educational audiences, Virtual Skies helps students acquire and employ decision-making and collaborative skills while applying principles of algebra, geometry and calculus in each of these modules. To link to this useful site, go to [www.capmembers.com/ae](http://www.capmembers.com/ae) and click on "Lessons and Other AE Resources." The link will be on the page for the "Planes" top
- 33. NASA Opportunities for the Education Community** – NASA is offering several unique opportunities over the next few months:
- **NEW! Electronic Professional Network Courses** – NASA's Learning Environments and Research Network and the Georgia Institute of Technology have teamed up to create the

electronic professional development network, or e-PDN, and initiative dedicated to preparing K-12 teachers to engage their students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, or STEM, through the use of NASA-developed learning materials and resources. Apply to one of the free courses today! Find out about the course choices and other information by visiting <http://nasaepdn.gatech.edu>.

- **NEW! 2012 NASA's Multiwavelength Universe Online Professional Development Course** – In-service and pre-service teachers of middle- and high-school students are invited to register for an online professional development course sponsored by several NASA missions that are exploring the universe across the electromagnetic spectrum. The course is offered for academic or continuing education credit through Sonoma State University. Enrollment is limited to 25 participants. For more information and to register, visit <http://epo.sonoma.edu/multiu.php>.
- **NEW! Teachers Touch the Sky: An Astronomy Workshop** – In August 2012, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, or JPL, in Pasadena, California, will host a one-week educator workshop for teachers of grades 3 through 9. Attendees will learn about NASA education materials, including hands-on activities based on current projects in astronomy and space science at JPL, with a special focus on NASA's current Dawn Mission to the asteroid Vesta. Participants will take a field trip to JPL's Table Mountain Observatory, tour JPL's facilities and to talk to real scientists about their work. Registration for this workshop closes on **June 15, 2012**. For more information, visit: <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/education/index.cfm?page=273>.
- **NASA Launches the NASA Explorer Schools Project!** – This program connects middle or high school students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) classes to the exciting world of NASA exploration and discovery by providing teachers access to a variety of exciting, free NASA resources that will satisfy curriculum standards and stimulate learning of basic and advanced STEM concepts. To find out more and visit the NES Virtual Campus, visit <http://explorerschools.nasa.gov/>.
- **NASA Education Materials Featured on the Howtosmile.org Website** – Launched by the University of California, Berkeley's Lawrence Hall of Science, the Howtosmile.org Website is an online collection of thousands of hands-on interactive science and math activities dedicated to making learning exciting and engaging for everyone. All activities are freely accessible and never require a registration or subscription. Visit this new Website at <http://howtosmile.org>.
- **Rocketry Page for Educators and Students (All Educators and Students)** – NASA Website <http://www.nasa.gov/education/rocketry> will get students and educators off the launch pad and on their way to becoming rocket scientists. Educators can find lesson plans for the classroom and keep students in-the-know with up-to-date information about NASA-supported rocketry competitions. NASA has a new DIY podcast topic module called: Rocket Science. The topic module includes 33 video clips with NASA Launch Vehicle Systems Analyst, Tristan Curry, as well as historical footage of rockets and shuttle launches, and animations. To find out how to use these resources and build your own multimedia projects, visit <http://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/diypodcast/index.html>

#### 34. MORE NASA Opportunities:

- **NASA Announces a New Tool for Visualizing Distance-Rate-Time Problems** – NASA has released an interactive online tool that enables students to simultaneously visualize and manipulate three linked representations of a distance-rate-time problem. The side-by-side tool format features two airplanes (each flying at a constant speed) on merging jet routes, the corresponding distance-vs.-time graphs, and the corresponding linear equations. The free classroom materials include the tool, student workbooks, assessments, teacher guides, and alignments to grades 5-9 mathematics standards for all 50 states. This is an addition to the Smart Skies mathematics investigations. Visit <http://www.smartskies.nasa.gov/flyby>.



- **NASA Enables Students to Launch Virtual Space Shuttle** – NASA has launched a computer simulation program that allows students and educators to take on the roles of NASA engineers and launch the shuttle from their own classrooms. Students work as a team to monitor shuttle systems during a launch countdown to decide whether they are “go” for liftoff. The software is the Kennedy Launch Academy Simulation System (KLASS), which was designed for 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade students to develop STEM skills. The KLASS materials (software, lesson plans, and interactive resources) are available for download at <http://www.nasa.gov/edu>
- **NASA Education’s Act Now page highlights upcoming NASA opportunities available for teachers and students.** <http://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/topnav/actnow/index.html>.
- **New NASA Website Aims to Engage and Educate Advanced High School Students** – NASA’s Math and Science @ Work project offers challenging supplemental problems based on space exploration topics. This project engages students by providing real-world applications to promote critical thinking and problem-solving while exposing students to careers in space exploration. These problems are for grades 10-12 and are available for calculus, physics, biology, chemistry, U.S. history, and human geography. Visit the Math and Science @ Work Web site at [www.nasa.gov/education/mathandscience](http://www.nasa.gov/education/mathandscience).

### 35. And, More NASA Opportunities

- **Online Training for Teaching Hands-on Engineering Activities with NASA and DESIGN SQUAD** – An online workshop has been developed for educators and after school leaders to build their skills and confidence in guiding kids through engineering activities like those found in the On the Moon Educator Guide from NASA. For more information about this self-guided online workshop go to <http://pbskids.org/designsquad/parentseducators/workshop/welcome.html>.
- **NASA’s Electronic Professional Development Network (ePDN) Offering Podcasting Course** – This initiative is dedicated to preparing teachers to engage their students in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) through the use of NASA-developed learning materials and resources. The NASA ePDN Application Process is available for all teachers in grades K-12. To learn more about opportunities, credits, and the application process, go to [www.nasaepdn.gatech.edu](http://www.nasaepdn.gatech.edu). Applications are being accepting for other courses in September. Visit [http://nasaepdn.gatech.edu/nasa\\_certificates.php](http://nasaepdn.gatech.edu/nasa_certificates.php).
- **NASA Invites Young People to Take Virtual Space Station Spacewalks** – A new video game based on actual work astronauts performed during the course of several NASA missions is available online. To take a virtual spacewalk in the Station Spacewalk game, visit [http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/3d\\_resources/station\\_spacewalk\\_game.html](http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/3d_resources/station_spacewalk_game.html).
- **NASA Launches Careers Web Page** – NASA Education has launched a Webpage that serves as a starting point to learn about jobs at NASA. Visit the site to learn more about scientists, technical experts, engineers, mathematicians, physicists, accountants, astronauts, pilots, astronomers and experts in many other fields. Visit the new NASA Education Careers Webpage at <http://www.nasa.gov/education/careers>.
- **NASA Sponsors Odyssey of the Mind Long-Term Problem -- Weird Science-**  
Audience: All Educators and Students- Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that offers creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Participants apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. The teams then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state and international levels. This year’s NASA-sponsored problem requires teams to create and present a performance about a team of scientists on an expedition to uncover the cause of mysterious events. The performance must include a technical representation of the mysterious events, a moving backdrop that

helps portray traveling and a team-created device that the scientists use on the expedition. For more information and to find dates for regional competitions, visit <http://www.odysseyofthemind.com/> or e-mail [info@odysseyofthemind.com](mailto:info@odysseyofthemind.com).

**36. Adams State College Offers Graduate Credit Opportunities for CAP Educators!**

Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado, is offering graduate credit for completing specific requirements in association with CAP's Aerospace Education Excellence Program (AEX) lessons. For information, contact Dr. Jeff Montgomery at [jmontgomery@caphnq.gov](mailto:jmontgomery@caphnq.gov) or go to [http://www2.adams.edu/extended\\_studies/independent/aex/aex.php](http://www2.adams.edu/extended_studies/independent/aex/aex.php) or check out the AEX section at [www.capmembers.com/ae](http://www.capmembers.com/ae).

**37. Connect with The Space Place and SciJinks through Facebook and Twitter –**

>The Space Place is an extensive, content-rich Website from NASA for upper elementary-age kids and their teachers and parents, and anyone else who likes a simple, readable, fun presentation of a wide range of space and Earth science and technology topics – <http://spaceplace.nasa.gov>. (On Facebook, <http://facebook.com/nasaspaceplace> and on Twitter, <http://twitter.com/nasaspaceplace>.)

>SciJinks is a highly-interactive Website that provides middle-school students and audiences of all ages an amazing science education opportunity. Provided by NOAA and NASA, the web site transports visitors to the wild world of weather to learn about predicting global weather patterns – <http://scijinks.gov>. Facebook- <http://www.facebook.com/scijinks> and Twitter- <http://twitter.com/scijinks>)

**38. Lockheed Martin, the Space Foundation and SpaceClass Announced the Launch of a Strategic Online Education Collaboration Called *Orion's Path*-**

*Orion's Path* is an interactive lesson on SpaceClass -- the only Web-based education program using videos and virtual science labs to engage students in research being conducted for space exploration. Lesson contents meet National Learning Standards for middle school grades and use of the site is free to teachers. To sign up, go to <http://www.lockheedmartin.com/products/Orion/OrionsPath.html>.

**INFORMATION FOR CAP AEROSPACE EDUCATION OFFICERS (AEOs)**

**39. CAP Teacher Orientation Program (TOP) Flights** – Aerospace Education Officers: you can invite current AEMs (Aerospace Education Members), as well as new teachers to join as AEMs, to share in an exciting Teacher Orientation Program (TOP) Flight and workshop that will help them get their students excited about aerospace. Remember to keep the Wing Commander and your wing POC (usually the Director of Aerospace Education) informed and supportive of your efforts. Please contact Judy Stone at [jstone@caphnq.gov](mailto:jstone@caphnq.gov) to discuss your plans (number of teachers flying, date, and estimated cost) prior to actual flights. For more information, go to the Teacher Orientation Program (TOP) Flights section at [www.capmembers.com/ae](http://www.capmembers.com/ae). **NOTE: Remember that CAP pilots flying the TOP Flight missions must be commercially certified and hold a current class 2 medical.**

**40. Yeager Test Information for CAP Directors of Aerospace Education (DAEs):** **NOTE: Senior Members taking the Yeager test need only take and pass one of the two tests provided on the Yeager test site. The second test is for those who may need to take the test a second time to receive credit for passing.** After successfully passing the test online, CAP senior members will automatically have the accomplishment posted to his/her records and

the Yeager Certificate will be available for download as a pdf. (NOTE: A Form 127 and CAPC 20 are only needed if the exam is taken with pencil/paper.) This process streamlines the CAP Yeager test process and makes the reporting easier for all concerned. **DAEs can track which wing senior members have taken and passed the online test by logging in at <https://ntc.cap.af.mil/login.htm> and going to “Test Reports” in the left column of the menu. This link is restricted to those who have specific permissions assigned to CAP region or wing HQ. If a DAE is not assigned to the wing HQ, he/she should contact the wing commander and ask for specific permissions via the Web Security Administrator.** Remember: This system has tracked the Yeager Award since March 2004, so all of the senior members who took the Yeager on paper before then were not tracked.

**41. CAPP 15 and CAPP 215 online**– The CAPP 15 (Aerospace Education Officers Handbook) and the CAPP 215 (AE Specialty Track) are online under the forms and publications link at [www.capmembers.com](http://www.capmembers.com). The 215 Specialty Track tests are online, as well, under CAP University (online courses and exams link).

**42. CAP Aerospace Education Member (AEM) contact information** – CAP Region and Wing Commanders, DCS/AEs, and DAEs in each region and wing have accessibility to the names and contact information of Aerospace Education Members in their wings and regions. We would like you to know who these outstanding people are so you can invite them to AE workshops and teacher flights and any other relevant programs that would apply to Aerospace Educators for your area. This information can be found in e-services under Member Reports and Aerospace Education links and requires permissions received from your commander.

**43. Scott Crossfield Foundation Web site:** [www.scottcrossfieldfoundation.org](http://www.scottcrossfieldfoundation.org) – To continue the legacy of famed pilot, Scott Crossfield, and CAP’s AE Award namesake, you can share memories of Scott Crossfield on this site. If you have a story to tell, you can go to the “Tell a Story” section and add your story. At this site, you may also make a donation to the foundation in order to maintain and perpetuate Scott Crossfield’s legacy to teachers.

***MORE AE INFORMATION FROM CAP.....***

**44. CAP Aerospace Education materials can be ordered online!** AEMs and AEOs can order the tools needed to promote the AE program in their local communities and schools. AEOs can receive a complete set of AE materials for presentation to prospective educators. **Order one copy** of each our materials via our online ordering system. Sign in at CAP’s e-services: <https://www.capnhq.gov>. Look on the far right column and find CAP Materials and click Submit Order. Select AE Materials from the drop down menu. Fill out the order form and the mailroom will process and fill your order. If an item is out of stock, check back soon, as new printing is being done at this time. If you need any further assistance, please contact [ae@capnhq.gov](mailto:ae@capnhq.gov).

**45. AEX Certificate Template is on the AE web site at [www.capmembers.com/ae](http://www.capmembers.com/ae) and click on the appropriate AEX link! 2011-2012 Aerospace Education Excellence (AEX) Award Program-** Make sure that YOUR unit or classroom participates and completes the AEX Award Program to receive a classroom/unit plaque and participant certificates. Any CAP unit or any K-12 teacher who is a CAP member can participate! Apply easily and electronically in CAP e-services. An email confirmation and AEX books will arrive soon after. To receive your unit or classroom plaque and participant certificates, simply fill out the electronic report on line upon completion of the program. To apply and report online, go to <https://www.capnhq.gov> and enter

e-services with your password or follow the “first time user” steps to enter e-services. For assistance, contact Debbie Dahl at [ddahl@capnhq.gov](mailto:ddahl@capnhq.gov).

**46. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the CAP AE textbook, *Aerospace: The Journey of Flight*, and accompanying Teacher’s Guide is available for purchase\*\* through Vanguard Industries** – The book may be purchased for \$20.35 and the Teacher’s Guide may be purchased from [Vanguard Industries](#) for \$8.25. \*\**The textbook is also downloadable in [CAP e-services](#). After entering e-services, go to Aerospace Downloads and Resources in the left column and click there to see the textbook chapters.*

**47. Satellite Tool Kit (STK) Users’ Conference Tour Presentations Available**– Analytical Graphics, Inc. (AGI), makers of STK, coordinated a spring and summer tour to provide STK training in locations across the country. The one-day free training tour led participants to a better understanding of how to use the STK software. For more information, visit <http://uc.agi.com>.

**48. Satellite Tool Kit (STK) for the Classroom** – Analytical Graphics, Inc. (AGI) is offering the leading satellite software package to CAP’s members at no cost. This program is an awesome program to educate adults and youth about the awesome work of satellites. For licensing and to receive your disk, contact Dr. Jeff Montgomery at [jmontgomery@capnhq.gov](mailto:jmontgomery@capnhq.gov). Review more information about [STK and CAP’s aligned educational implementation initiatives](#).

**New Licensing Procedure Makes Using STK Easier Than Ever** – This new procedure will offer every CAP member (cadet, senior member, or teacher member) the opportunity to use STK anywhere, anyplace, anytime. A member can log in to AGI from any computer anywhere and begin using STK. So, members can use STK at the squadron, in the classroom, or at home. You can also obtain multiple licenses for your squadron or classroom setting. To read the new procedures and find out how easy the new process is, go to [www.capmembers.com/ae](http://www.capmembers.com/ae) and click on the “**AE: What’s New?**” link. Scroll down to “Other Announcements” and click on the second bullet to find out about this new guidance.

***Thanks to EACH of you for promoting aerospace education to youth and the general public all across our great nation!***

***Sincerely, the CAP NHQ AE Team***

**CAP Applauds the Air Force Association  
for Their Generous Sponsorship of  
AE Grants for CAP Units and Teacher Members  
to Conduct AE Projects Nationwide**



Thank you for the AFA/CAP AE Grant. We used it to fly the 5th grade students from Helen Keller Elementary School during Career Exploration Day at the airport. The pictures above show students preparing for their CAP flight and some on a KC-135 Air Refueling Tanker. The article which appeared in the local newspaper at [Tour gives Green Bay's Helen Keller fifth-graders glimpse into flight future](#) give much more info and photos, including one of a Civil Air Patrol cadet who was showing the students ground team equipment and talking about his experiences with the Civil Air Patrol- how neat! I am pleased to say we had an outstanding day and this grant was used well.

Kurt A. Lichtenwald, Captain, Civil Air Patrol  
Wisconsin Wing Assistant Aerospace Education Officer  
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A two hour, 3-school Family Aerospace Festival was held on Friday evening, May 4, 2012. Fifteen interactive activity stations, staffed by outreach volunteers from industry (Pfizer Employees) and the military (Naval Submarine Base), attracted students through visual, poster board explanations to participate in astronautics, aeronautics and astronomy events. Students carried a "ticket To Space" which was stamped for each activity they engaged in. Outside organizations such as the Civil Air patrol, Experimental Aircraft Association, CATO rocket club, RC Propbusters club, local high school and middle school robotics teams, and Lanmar Aviation (an FBO) provided a diverse set of activities and opportunities for discourse. Students received a "goody" bag upon exit thanks to the generosity of NASA, Lockheed, Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne, and author Becky Cross who donated hard cover copies of her book, "I am a Space Shuttle" for all students. Overall, the 100+ students and their families got a real "bang for the buck" from the AFA/CAP AE Grant! Much appreciation!

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