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**TAKE OFF FOR ADVENTURE AT
NANTUCKET'S 2010 AVIATION CAREER EDUCATION (ACE) CAMP**

Evening Visit to Observatory, Fly a Plane with Certified Instructor, Take Part in Scavenger Hunt, Build and Launch Rockets, Discover How Airport Works, Meet Guest Speakers & More

NANTUCKET, MA (March 16, 2010) – With summer approaching, it's time to think about the adventure experience being planned for the Island's young people: the **4th Annual Aviation Career Education (ACE) Camp**, set for **Monday, June 28th through Friday, July 2nd, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (includes one evening event) and based at Nantucket High School and Nantucket Memorial Airport**. The camp, open to middle and high school students, whether they are year-round or seasonal residents, is a perfect activity for those with an interest in aviation, airport management, aeronautics, science and most important, exploration and fun!

ACE Camp is co-sponsored by the Nantucket Educational Air Program, Inc. (NEAP) - the non-profit foundation of Nantucket Airport and the Nantucket Public Schools, along with support from the Nantucket Tower Air Traffic Controllers, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Cape Air/Nantucket Airlines and airlines and organizations, both on and off-island.

During **ACE Camp**, several exciting activities will be introduced. A special experience will be an evening visit to Nantucket's Loines Observatory, where campers will view the Moon, stars, planets, galaxies, nebulae, and more through an 8-inch telescope, under guidance of members of Maria Mitchell Association's Astronomy Staff. The telescope viewing will be followed by a tour, with a special laser projection outlining the constellations in the summer night sky.

In addition, an Airport Scavenger Hunt will have campers working in teams, with prizes awarded for members of the winning group. During the week, campers will also be introduced to the importance of weather in flying with a demonstration by a meteorologist.

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As part of this challenging and exciting five-day adventure, **ACE Campers** will participate in a wide-range of aviation experiences including an opportunity for every camper to take an orientation flight with a certified instructor, to visit Cape Air's maintenance facility in Hyannis, to build and launch model rockets, to visit the Air Traffic Control Tower, to use the Flight Simulators to practice take-offs/landings and to take a tour of the airport terminal. In addition, campers will learn how to create 3-dimensional airfields and drawings of airplanes, how to research aviation history, how to participate in the activities of the Civil Air Patrol, along with engaging in other exciting experiences and welcoming special guest speakers.

"The **2010 Aviation Career Education (ACE) Camp** will focus on the wide range of dynamic and exciting career options in aviation," said Nantucket Airport Manager Al Peterson. "Whether being part of a team coordinating search and rescue, working the deck of an aircraft carrier, developing long-range plans for space travel, controlling air traffic at an airport tower, teaching history at an aviation museum, designing and building an airport, training to be a flight surgeon, being a crewmember who flies workers out to oil rigs or coordinating the shipping of air cargo – all are jobs connected to the aviation industry, both on the ground and in the sky."

Tuition for the one-week program is \$295. Prospective campers can pick up camp brochures, applications and recommendation forms at the NHS or CPS Guidance Offices or download forms from the **ACE Camp** link on the Airport's website: www.nantucketairport.com.

Prospective campers should deliver their completed applications and a \$50 refundable deposit to Nantucket Airport's Administration Office, no later than May 28, 2010, with late registration accepted up to June 18, 2010, space permitting.

The Nantucket Educational Air Program, Inc., as part of their support for the camp, will award scholarships to campers in need of assistance. According to Airport Manager Al Peterson, "no Nantucket resident should miss the chance to attend **ACE Camp**. We strongly urge all interested campers to send their applications as soon as possible."

For more information about Nantucket's **2010 ACE Camp**, contact the Airport's Camp Liaison, Jack Wheeler, at 508-325-5300. In addition, information about **ACE Camp** and application forms are on the Airport's website: www.nantucketairport.com.