

**AEROSTAR PARTICIPATES IN THE
FAA TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY 2010
AVIATION EDUCATION EVENT SENDS STUDENTS SOARING**



On APRIL 22, 2010, the designated **"Take Your Child to Work Day"**, articles around the country strongly encouraged parents to leave their child in school and not take them to their workplaces. The theory behind these requests, was that the students don't get much out of the experience at their parent's workplace and that their school day is more educational. On this day, however, the **FAA Great Lakes Region** dared to defy those claims! Approximately one hundred and twenty students had an interactive experience which, for three hours, immersed them into the world of aviation.

Welcoming remarks were given by Great Lakes Regional Administrator Barry D. Cooper and Federal Executive Board Executive Director, Jean Brown. Students were exposed to numerous FAA careers with a playful interaction between presenters that his/her career was "the best!" They saw a video of the Air Traffic system and learned about ATCT and ARTCC operations. Technical Operations personnel followed with information about the NAS. A Flight Standards Inspector spoke about safety standards and what they do to ensure that an airplane has a safe flight. An Airport's Division Environmental Specialist not only spoke about airport planning and funding but the relevance and importance of environmental care and protection, especially appropriate on this "Earth Day." Security Division personnel spoke about safe baggage and hazardous materials. Tammera Holmes, President of AeroStar Consulting Corporation spoke about the importance of aviation curriculum in the schools and the EAA's Young Eagles program which provides children free flights from the ages of 7-17. Her 1st flight with the Chicago Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen was the chance of a lifetime; lighting the fire of enthusiasm for aviation at the age of sixteen. A representative from Lewis University (An FAA CTI school) spoke about the future of aviation, relating that these students would be the men and women to work in the aerospace careers of tomorrow.

Once in the exhibit area, the quest for knowledge unfolded. Touching, feeling, and hearing the sights and sounds of flight, students reveled in the experience. A video on the FAA's Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academies was shown, with a representative on hand from the FAA's Chicago summer ACE ACADEMY. Younger students viewed "Cleared for Take Off" and learned about safe flight. Two flight simulators, an aviation arts and crafts table, vision screening used for pilots, displays highlighting runways and runway safety, aviation games, puzzles, word searches and the exploration of baggage for unsafe items all highlighted the #1 priority of the FAA-a safe National Airspace System!

The synapses in the minds of these students were engaged and from here it's full speed ahead. These students and others like them are the future of the aerospace industry. Teachers, students and all others present knew that on this day, in this "FAA classroom," education was achieved!



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