NASA Wallops Visitor Center Hosting “Space Racers” Program for Kids

Wallops Island, VA – June 12, 2014 - The NASA Visitor Center at the Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia in collaboration with Maryland Public Television (MPT) will present “Space Racers”, a new, animated preschool series, starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 18.

Screenings of the program will be held at 10 and 11 a.m. and will kick off with a presentation from the show’s producer on how each character was brought to life and how NASA scientists and astronauts participated in the development of the series. In addition, themed activities and games will be held at the Wallops Visitor Center.

Space Racers is a new animated preschool television program that follows young spaceship cadets as they soar through the solar system learning about the power of scientific investigation and observation, the wonders of space exploration and the importance of working together as a team. The series follows spaceships Eagle, Hawk, Robyn, Starling and Raven, along with their fellow cadets, as they take on scientific challenges and explore the far reaches of space.

Joyce Winterton, Wallops senior advisor for education and leadership development, said, “We are very excited to work with MPT and bring this program to the Visitor Center. It’s a great opportunity for children to be exposed to space exploration and get excited about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) at a young age.”

Series creators collaborated with NASA experts to develop a balanced curriculum and create engaging and scientifically accurate lessons that can be accessed online at www.SpaceRacers.org. A section for parents and educators encompasses family activities and lesson plans based on an early-childhood STEM curriculum.

To watch a preview of Space Racers, visit: http://www.spaceracers.org

The NASA Visitor Center, located on Virginia Route 175 about six miles from U.S. Route 13 and five miles from Chincoteague, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Call 757-824-1344 for information on Visitor Center operations.

Information on Visitor Center programs also can be found on the Internet, at: http://www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter

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