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Media Advisory

Flabob Airport students and NASA to host on-air Q & A with astronaut aboard the International Space Station

UPDATE1: Event begins 9:00 AM PDT Thursday, April 19, 2012

UPDATE2: Added SCHEDULE for the event

Students at Flabob Airport's Tom Wathen Center in Jurupa Valley are preparing to talk to an astronaut aboard the International Space Station.

The live question-and-answer session is scheduled for 10 minutes during the morning of April 19, 2012. The amateur radio contact will take place in hangar #16A at the historic Flabob Airport and is free to the public.

This project is organized by Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS), an international volunteer amateur radio organization. ARISS cooperates with space agencies of the many countries participating with the orbiting space station to implement and prepare these educational projects for youth. The Flabob opportunity is coordinated by The Tom Wathen Center's Kathy Rohm and ARISS school technical support volunteer Clint Bradford.

Prior to the ARISS contact, students learn astronaut selection and training, the history and mission of space station and mission control, rocket fabrication, radio technology and communication topics.

ARISS and NASA strive to enhance teaching and learning in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. ARISS contacts are an integral component of Teaching From Space, a NASA education office that promotes learning opportunities and builds partnerships with the education community using the unique environment of human spaceflight.

For additional information:

-Project Web site: <http://www.iss-flabob.com>

-Clint Bradford: ARISS technical support volunteer
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APRIL 19 SCHEDULE

Our event is on Thursday morning, April 19, 2012.

Flabob Airport Hangar 16A
4130 Mennes Avenue
Jurupa Valley (formerly Riverside) CA 92509

06:30 AM - Clint Bradford on site 909-241-7666 (cell)

08:30 AM - Suggested time for media to arrive (if not earlier)

09:00 AM - Event officially starts - presentations from students, organizers

09:43 AM - Mandatory 20-minute "quiet time" while we establish radio communications

10:03 AM - The ISS pass begins - and our students ask their questions

10:20 AM - Communications with the ISS end

10:21 AM - Wild applause

10:22 AM - Wrap it up from stage, awards presentations

10:35 AM - Photo / interview opportunities

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