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NASA Wallops Celebrating 60 Years with an Open House Oct. 1

The NASA Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's Eastern Shore will celebrate its 60th anniversary with a public open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1.

The event will include displays highlighting the research and operations conducted at Wallops, not only by NASA but its customers and other organizations that partner with NASA including the Navy, Coast Guard, NOAA, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport, The Nature Conservancy, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Federation of the Blind.

Visitors will be able to get a close-up look in the facility's science labs, the Range Control Center and the sounding rocket payload facility. Demonstrations will be conducted during the day by the Wallops Fire Department, the NASA sounding rocket projects office, and the Accomack County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit.

In addition, aircraft that use the NASA airfield will be on display. These include NASA, Department of Defense and State Police aircraft. Also, a fly-by of Virginia Air National Guard F-16 aircraft is currently scheduled between 10 and 10:30 a.m.

Activities for the kids, entertainment, food and refreshments will be available. Admission is free.

For information about the Wallops Open House on the Internet, visit:

<http://www.wff.nasa.gov>