STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION DAY

Eastern Shore students will have the opportunity to examine a wide range of careers during Inspire the Next Generation Day at the Wallops Flight Facility on April 27.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), along with the United States Navy’s Surface Combat Systems Center (SCSC), the United States Coast Guard, the National Wildlife Refuge Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are taking part in the national program held annually at the Wallops Flight Facility.

“Inspire the Next Generation Day provides children in grades 4 through 12 the opportunity to see adults working together in a professional work environment and explore careers in the Federal workforce. Ninety students are registered to participate in several activities throughout the day,” said Ed Parrott, NASA Education Coordinator.

Students will spend time with their sponsor or parent to learn about daily work responsibilities. Workshops and activities will be held during the day emphasizing careers available with the government and the preparation required for these positions.

Morning activities include: learning about basic rocketry with NASA engineers, a trip to the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, a tour of the NOAA station, learning how local Navy personnel work, touring aboard a Coast Guard rescue ship, studying robotics, marine biology, and a future professional women’s workshop.

Afternoon activities include: building a sled kite, a weather balloon launch, a tour of NASA’s launch control center, Earth Day activities, touring the rocket facility, global positioning system mapping demonstration, an unmanned aerial vehicle demonstration, and touring a NASA aircraft.

For more information about the event, contact Parrott at 757-824-1681.