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National Flight Academy Expands with New Three-Day Youth Program

Pensacola, Fla. (Oct. 7, 2016) – The National Flight Academy is now offering a new three-day Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)-focused Cruise program for fifth-12th grade students as an introduction to their flagship six-day deployment program.

Students will live aboard the virtual aircraft carrier, *Ambition*, where they will perform search and rescue missions, navigate aircraft through obstacle courses and drop supplies for humanitarian aid exercises. Each will apply science and math skills while planning missions, utilizing large Newline Interactive displays powered by Google Earth technology.

In addition, each will learn to fly in the X-12B Triad experimental aircraft, eat in the mess deck and sleep in staterooms. The three-day Cruise program excites and engages students, offering access to an immersive, aviation-themed adventure.

A variety of three-day Cruise programs cover subjects such as aerodynamics, meteorology and physics. The three-day overnight program blends the culture and excitement of aviation and emphasizes workforce skills such as leadership, teamwork, critical thinking and effective communication.

Cruises — part of the National Flight Academy’s annual slate of offerings — fall on most government holiday weekends in addition to 2017 spring break dates. Registration is now open for the Thanksgiving Break Cruise, which runs from Sunday, Nov. 20 – Tuesday, Nov. 22. Registration closes Friday, Oct. 29.

The cost for the three-day Cruise program is \$399 per student and \$350 per student for groups of 12 or more.

For registration information and a complete breakdown of 2016-17 National Flight Academy programs, please contact the registration coordinator at (850) 308-8948 or visit www.NationalFlightAcademy.com.

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About the National Flight Academy

The National Flight Academy, located aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola in Pensacola, Florida, is designed to address the serious concerns of declining Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) skills and standards in our country. The Academy's mission is to inspire students who subsequently return to their parent schools and seek out the more challenging courses in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

The NFA is a self-supporting, tuition-based educational program. In order to make the National Flight Academy adventure a reality for as many students as possible, we are committed to a financial aid program that enables a demographically and geographically diverse student population to attend. We welcome support from individuals, corporations and foundations for both our scholarship program and general operation funds. The National Flight Academy, a program of the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation Inc., is authorized but not endorsed or funded by the U.S. Navy or U.S. Government.

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