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**NANTUCKET'S 2009 AVIATION CAREER EDUCATION (ACE) CAMP TO FOCUS ON
EXCITING FLYING ADVENTURES AND FUTURE WORK OPPORTUNITIES**

*Flight Training and Planning, Observing Air Traffic Control and Aircraft Maintenance,
Building and Launching Rockets, Touring New Terminal, Guest Speakers and More*

NANTUCKET, MA (March 2, 2009) – Following the success of Nantucket's previous Aviation Career Education (ACE) Camps, planning is underway for the **2009 ACE Camp**, set for **Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26 - from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm**. The camp is open to middle and high school students, whether they are year-round or seasonal residents.

ACE Camp, to be based at Nantucket High School and Nantucket Memorial Airport (ACK), is co-sponsored by the Nantucket Public Schools and the Nantucket Educational Air Program, Inc. (NEAP) - the non-profit foundation of Nantucket Airport - along with support from the Nantucket Tower Air Traffic Controllers, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Cape Air/Nantucket Airlines and many other airlines and other organizations, both on and off island.

As part of this challenging and exciting five-day adventure, ACE campers will engage in a wide-range of unique aviation experiences including an opportunity for every camper to take an orientation flight - in an approved aircraft with a certified instructor, to visit the Cape Air maintenance facility in Hyannis, to build and launch model rockets, to visit to the Air Traffic Control Tower and meet staff members, to use a Flight Simulator to practice take-offs/landings and to take a "behind the scenes" tour of the new airport terminal. In addition, campers will learn how to artfully create drawings of airplanes and research aviation history, how airports measure aircraft noise and engage in other exciting experiences while welcoming very special guest speakers.

"The 2009 Aviation Career Education (ACE) Camp will focus on the myriad of careers connected to aviation," said Nantucket Airport Manager Al Peterson. "Whether being part of a

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Coast Guard team coordinating search and rescue, working the deck of an aircraft carrier as jets are handled, developing long-range plans for space travel, controlling air traffic at one of our many airport Towers or Air Route Traffic Control Centers, teaching history at an aviation museum, designing components of an airport and being part of the team that builds one, training to be a flight surgeon, being a member of the crew that flies workers to oil rigs or an air cargo company manager – the many jobs connected in some way to aviation, both on the ground and in the sky, are endless.”

The ACE Camp, geared towards students who have an interest in aviation, airport management, aeronautics or science, also will offer instruction in the theory of flight and plotting flight paths; an introduction to all types of aircraft, Global Positioning Systems and instrument flying; lessons about the National Airspace System and construction projects at Nantucket Airport.

Students enrolled in **ACE Camp 2009**, which will be limited to 30 campers, will engage in team-building experiences, meet industry professionals such as airline pilots and aircraft crew members and learn how to get started on the road to a career in aviation. Throughout the week, the positive effect of good life choices will be emphasized. In addition, the camp counselors - college students currently enrolled in aviation management programs - will share their backgrounds and plans for their careers. After campers complete the week, they will be recognized for their successes through achievement awards and by a closing-day exhibit of the aviation art.

Tuition for the one-week program is \$295. Prospective campers can pick up camp brochures, applications and recommendation forms at the NHS Guidance Office or download the forms from the ACE Camp link on Nantucket Airport’s website: www.nantucketairport.com.

Prospective campers should deliver their completed applications, and a \$50 refundable deposit to the NHS Guidance Office, or the Nantucket Airport’s Administration Office, no later than May 29, 2009, with late registration accepted up to June 19, 2009, space permitting.

The Nantucket Educational Air Program, Inc., as part of their support for the camp, will award scholarships to campers in need of assistance. According to Airport Manager Al Peterson, “no Nantucket resident should miss the chance to attend the ACE Camp. We strongly urge all interested campers to send their applications as soon as possible.”

For more information about Nantucket’s 2009 **ACE Camp**, contact the NHS Guidance Office at 508-228-7280, the Airport’s Camp Liaison, Jack Wheeler, at 508-325-5300 or ACE Camp Coordinator Malcolm Brydon, former Air Traffic Controller in the Nantucket Tower, at 207-332-9882. In addition, information about ACE Camp and application forms are on the Airport’s website: www.nantucketairport.com.