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Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor Partners with Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and Smithsonian Affiliates to Offer an Astrophotography Workshop for Students

Honolulu, HI – Students on fall break in grades 5-8 are encouraged to attend a special two-day Astrophotography Workshop, October 13 and 14, from 9 am – 3 pm, at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

The workshop is part of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory's *Youth Capture the Colorful Cosmos III* (YCCC III) program, offering students the opportunity to research, explore and photograph the cosmos using telescopes owned and maintained by the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

The goal of the program is to use hands-on exercises to teach youth how to control the MicroObservatory robotic telescopes over the Internet, and to take their own images of the universe. Student projects will be on display at Pacific Aviation Museum, as well as on the Museum's website beginning October 17, 2016. YCCC promotes increased interest, awareness, and knowledge of astronomy content, while promoting an understanding of technology and proficiency in real scientific research skills.

Participating Smithsonian Affiliates, including Pacific Aviation Museum, will share a virtual learning space, *YouthAstroNet*, to educate students using tutorials and quizzes, while showcasing students' work. *YouthAstroNet* is a National Science Foundation (NSF) – funded online learning community that features discussion forums on STEM/IT careers, virtual tours, astronomy workshops, and more. A network of STEM professional and online mentors will join *YouthAstroNet* to aid and facilitate the program.

The cost for the two-day program is \$50 per student, \$45 for Museum members. For reservations or more information email Alaina.Haws@PacificAviationMuseum.org or call 808-445-9041.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Its mission is to develop and maintain an internationally recognized aviation museum on Historic Ford Island that educates young and old alike, honors aviators and their support personnel who defended freedom in The Pacific Region, and to preserve Pacific aviation history. Contact: 808-441-1000; Marketing@PacificAviationMuseum.org.

About Smithsonian Affiliations

Smithsonian Affiliations is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational, and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. More information is available at www.affiliations.si.edu.

About the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics

Headquartered in Cambridge, Mass., the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (CfA) is a joint collaboration between the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and the Harvard College Observatory. CfA scientists, organized into six research divisions, study the origin, evolution and ultimate fate of the universe. More information is available at <http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/>

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