

THIS
MONTH
AT THE



Griffith Observatory

Sept. 7:

All Space Considered

Griffith Observatory holds this exciting, free public program on the first Friday of every month in the Leonard Nimoy Event Horizon. Join the Observatory's curatorial staff as they examine and explain the most-talked-about subjects in astronomy and space science. Seating is first come, first served. Subjects this month: Latest space news; beautiful astronomical images; and the September sky report.

TIME: 7:30 – 9 PM
COST: Free!

Information:
www.griffithobservatory.org/exhibits/all_space.html

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AIRPORTS

Aviation Careers Take Flight

Aviation careers spotlighted at LAX Aviation Careers Education Academy.

Story and photos by Harold Johnson, Airports, Club Member

Students from Orville Wright, Century Community Charter and other middle schools learn about careers in aviation at Los Angeles International Airport's (LAX) Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy. ACE is a free weeklong motivational program that provides students with a basic understanding of career opportunities within the aviation industry, as well as a general knowledge about LAX. The event took place in July.

The academy is geared toward middle- and high-school students from neighborhoods surrounding LAX interested in aviation and aerospace. The teens use flight simulators and go on field trips to aviation sites while learning about aviation-related careers. Presentations were provided by organizations such as the Federal Aviation Administration, TSA, airlines, LAFD and Airports. Additional areas of study include aviation history, planning a flight, the physics of flight, and the design and maintenance of aircraft.

The LAX Aviation Careers Education (ACE) class from Orville Wright, Century Community Charter and other middle schools learn about careers in aviation at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where NASA was planning a rover landing on Mars.



The LAX Aviation Careers Education (ACE) class from Orville Wright, Century Community Charter and other middle schools visits Van Nuys Airport Encore Flight Academy.



The LAX Aviation Careers Education (ACE) class views the new Mars Rover in a "clean" room while learning about careers with NASA at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL).



The LAX Aviation Careers Education (ACE) class from Orville Wright, Century Community Charter and other middle schools learn about a career as an FAA Air Traffic Controller during a visit to Van Nuys Airport.



Superintendent of Operations Hyder Shah (left) explains his work as an aircraft docking gate controller to the LAX Aviation Careers Education (ACE) class.



The LAX Aviation Careers Education class visits Van Nuys Airport Fire Operations.

LAFD

Softball, for Charity

Firefighters play for widows, orphans fund.



Story by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor, and Capt. Steve Romas; Photos by Capt. Steve Romas

More than 300 spectators and M-LAFD firefighters played in the Lane Kemper Softball Classic. This annual charity tournament benefits the Widows, Orphans and Disabled Firemen's Fund to help the families of firefighters during times of crisis and tragedy.

The event was held May 4 at the Hjelte Sports Center, the Van Nuys Recreational Center, and the Balboa Sports Complex.

This fun event is named in honor of Capt. Lane Kemper, who raised significant money for the charity before he died of cancer in 2006. As a tribute to him, firefighters come together for this longstanding tradition.

The winner this year was Fire Station 15 by USC. In second place was Fire Station 33 in South LA.



First-place winners: Fire Station 15.



Second-place winners: Fire Station 33.



Such a great event!