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El Camino College to Present Space Science Day 2008

El Camino College will be the “space place” to be on April 19 for South Bay youngsters to explore the science of outer space and all its complexities.

Space Science Day 2008 is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 19 at El Camino College’s planetarium and science classrooms, 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, near Torrance. The daylong event is sponsored by El Camino College and American Honda Motor Co., Inc., and coordinated by the El Camino College Astronaut Ellison Onizuka Memorial Committee. It is free and open to serious-minded science students in grades five through 12.

The event is dedicated to Ellison Onizuka, a Space Shuttle *Challenger* astronaut who perished along with the six other crew members during the tragic events of 1986.

"This annual event honors an outstanding astronaut and scientist – what a great way to remember the legacy of Ellison Onizuka – spending a Saturday immersed in science," said President Thomas M. Fallo. "This event offers young people a hands-on approach to science in an exciting environment. We hope that this experience might influence young people to pursue careers in science."

A NASA astronaut will give a presentation to students, and all will enjoy classroom presentations and demonstrations led by El Camino College professors, Science FEST students, and guests from JPL and other institutions.

Students will participate in a variety of hands-on science activities and experiments, including the traditional Egg Drop Competition, where students attempt to build the perfect apparatus that will let an egg drop from a rooftop without breaking when it lands.

Reservations are required for the free science event. For more information, call 310-660-3487 or check out SpaceDay@elcamino.edu.

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