

LAWA Community UPdates

Los Angeles World Airports Summer 2010
Connecting airport communities through LAWA's partnerships and outreach efforts one newsletter at a time...

ON THE WINGS OF EDUCATION Flight Path Flyer Program



The "Flight Path Flyer" program introduces students to basic flying lessons and techniques that include turns, climbs, descents, takeoffs, and landings via flight simulators.

The program is designed to generate interest in aviation and its various specialized careers. The six-week Saturday sessions are offered, at no cost, to students thanks to the support and contributions made by the American Legion Posts 177, 108 and 283; Westchester Women's Club; Flight Path Museum; Westchester Family YMCA; and LAX.

If the program's popularity is an indication of its success, at the very least, it promotes the thrill and excitement of flight. For more information or to request an application, call the LAX Community Relations Division at (424) 646-7450.

"Wings to Fly" Mentoring

The "Wings to Fly" Mentoring Program offers an enriching and exciting opportunity for airport employees and student mentees to learn from each other. Sponsored by LAX, the program is designed to match at-risk youth from neighboring communities with positive adult role model employees.

The program was initiated in 2005 when L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa encouraged departments to strengthen the city's educational outreach to local communities. In response, the airport launched its "Wings to Fly" program during National Mentoring Month.

Since its inception, LAWA employees continue to be encouraged to participate and are allowed

to do so during work hours. The goal is to give students a sense of community, encouragement to achieve social and academic success, build self-esteem, and provide access to resources.

In addition to contributing to the mentee's personal growth, LAWA employees benefit from the program by strengthening their connection to neighboring communities and becoming positive role models to the next generation of leaders. So far, over 70 participants, including students from Westchester High and St. Bernard, have benefitted and contributed to the success of this program. To learn more, please contact LAX Community Relations at (424) 646-7450.

Flight Path Learning Center & Aviation Museum



The Flight Path Learning Center is dedicated to the preservation of Southern California's aerospace heritage through public awareness and education. The museum exhibits include airplane models, vintage photos, airline uniforms and historical memorabilia.

The museum is open Tuesdays thru Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is located at 6661 West Imperial Highway, Los Angeles, CA 90045

- Free parking and admission
- Museum is closed on holidays and for special events
- For more information, call (424) 646-7284 or visit the museum's website at <http://www.flightpath.us>

Upcoming Event: "Salute to the Jet Age: 50 Years of Jet Service at LAX"

- Public is invited to attend on Saturday, July 17, at 10 a.m.

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Inglewood Chamber of
Commerce

LAX Capital Improvements
Theme Building Update

Faces of America

- Presentation includes rare photos and archival film clips of early passenger jets and jet terminal development

Guided Group Tours

Guided group tours are available by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tours are offered to schools, 2nd grade level and up, including senior groups.

- Send an email to sdsmith@lawa.org or call (424) 646-7450 to schedule a tour

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Team LAWA & Big Sunday “Pitch In, Help Out and Give Back”

Team LAWA, the airport’s employee volunteer group, joined forces with Big Sunday on Saturday, May 1st. Big Sunday, a non-profit organization, coordinates the largest community service event in the City of Los Angeles where thousands of volunteers work together at hundreds of organizations and schools needing help.

Team LAWA members and their families volunteered to beautify Westchester’s Cowan Elementary School. They worked alongside other volunteers picking up trash, sweeping leaves, painting and pulling weeds. Even the little ones, Team LAWA members-in-training, had the opportunity to contribute by painting flower pots. Team LAWA’s participation in the annual “day of service” enhanced the volunteer experience and the group looks forward to helping out again next year.

Team LAWA Contributes to the L.A. Marathon

Approximately 25 Team LAWA members, airport employees and their families, volunteered in the running, health and wellness exposition of the L.A. Marathon on Saturday, May 20th, at Dodger Stadium.

For the first time in its race history, L.A. Marathon organizers created a new “Stadium to the Sea” course, which routed the Marathon outside the City of Los Angeles, starting at Dodger Stadium and then running through the communities of West

Hollywood, Beverly Hills and finishing in Santa Monica.

In addition to a new route, the Marathon celebrated its “silver anniversary.” This year, the race had the largest number of registrants ever, 26,054, and by far the largest number of finishers ever, 22,361. Thank you Team LAWA members for contributing to an event that connects smaller communities into one.

PARTNERING WITH LOCAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE & ROTARY CLUBS Inglewood/Airport Area Chamber of Commerce

Members of the Inglewood Chamber were treated to an exclusive one-hour walking tour of the renovated Tom Bradley International Terminal on May 20th. Guests were invited to view first-hand the recent renovations currently enhancing the passenger experience.

If you’re interested in participating in a future tour and you belong to a Chamber of Commerce or Rotary Club in Westchester, El Segundo or Inglewood, send an email to gpacheco@lawa.org.

LAX CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS Theme Building Undergoes State-of-the-Art Seismic Retrofit

The LAX Theme Building recently underwent an historic seismic retrofit as part of the iconic building’s final phase of renovation. The seismic retrofit entailed the installation of a mass tuned damper within the structure to protect the building from violent motion caused by earthquakes. The system counter-balances harmonic vibrations of earthquakes.

The finishing touches on the \$9.3 million renovation will be completed soon. The 49-year old building was marked for renovation when a 1,000-pound section of stucco fell from an upper arch in 2007. For more information about the airport’s

capital improvement program, click here... http://www.lawa.org/welcome_LAX.aspx?id=502

Faces of America Welcome International Travelers to the U.S.

Smiling American faces greet international travelers via video displays as they retrieve luggage at the Tom Bradley International Terminal, part of an effort to provide a warmer welcome. These efforts by U.S. Customs and Border Protection aim to create an environment that accommodates increased security screening and a more visitor-friendly process.



Walt Disney Parks and Resorts commissioned and donated “Welcome: Portraits of America,” a seven-minute film featuring images of American people. Visitors will see families standing in front of their homes, playful children, people in various trades and jobs around the U.S., as well as majestic scenes that epitomize the geographic beauty of America. As one of the first airports to feature this program, LAX is proud to be at the forefront of these new initiatives. To learn about other capital improvement projects, click here... http://www.lawa.org/welcome_LAX.aspx?id=502

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