



Civil Air Patrol STEM Kit Program
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Dear CAP Members:

Over the past decade, Civil Air Patrol's Aerospace Education Program has moved steadily forward in educating our cadets and America's youth about the need for advanced educational growth in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects, not only to help maintain a strong national security, but also to keep our country technologically competitive in a global economy. In recognition of our organization's stellar progress in recent years, CAP received two national Aerospace Education awards in 2011. The year 2013 holds much promise for CAP's continued success in aerospace education as evidenced by CAP's selection to receive National Defense Education Program (NDEP) funds to promote STEM education.

The NDEP funds, provided by the Air Force STEM Outreach Coordination Office at the Pentagon, will allow CAP to implement an innovative "**CAP STEM Kit Program**" for our cadets and schools. The kits will contain all the educational materials and tools necessary to provide hands-on, experiential learning in subject areas such as flight simulation, astronomy, radio-controlled aircraft, model rocketry, robotics, and other pertinent STEM-related subjects. And, the best news yet--the kits are provided absolutely free of charge to selected recipients!

Please join me in making every effort to support and advance CAP's superior programs and products to educate America's youth on STEM. To find out more about this exciting new program, go to www.capmembers.com/stem-ed. At that site you will find my STEM Kit Program Letter of Endorsement which explains and emphasizes the importance of such a program to our units and the schools we support.

Applications for participation will be accepted beginning Friday, 25 January, 2013. Eligible applicants are CAP unit AE Officers, CAP Senior Members who are educators, CAP's Aerospace Education Members, and AF JROTC Instructors. For any further information, contact our stem@capnhq.gov.

Thank you for your unpaid, professional, volunteer service to CAP and our nation!

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles L. Carr, Jr." in a cursive style.

Charles L. Carr, Jr.
Major General, CAP
National Commander