

NEWS RELEASE

July 10, 2009
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

US AVIATION HOSTS CHICKASAW NATION AVIATION AND SPACE ACADEMY

Denton, TX – The number of students enrolled in the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy more than doubled this year as 82 students signed up for the five-day summer camp. During their visit to the US Flight Academy, 73 students had the opportunity to experience a ground school class and then flew in a Diamond DA-40. The students were also given a tour of the DTO tower and were provided a catered lunch.

The kids, aged 10 – 18, who are Chickasaw citizens were exposed to everything from launching rockets to studying the basics of space medicine. Their visit to the US Flight Academy brought them down from Ada, OK, where the camp is based.

“There’s no substitute for the real thing,” said Mark Taylor, who coordinated the activities at US Flight Academy and is also a member of the Chickasaw Nation. “When these kids take their first ride in an aircraft, they are overcome with excitement. Experience tells us that an initial flight with a skilled Flight Instructor can be the motivating

factor that leads to an aviation career. We hope to inspire some of these kids to embark on a rewarding aviation career that they might otherwise have not considered. We sincerely hope that some of them become pilots. The enthusiasm is certainly there.”

Children are brought in from all over the Midwest and pick up skills in math, science and aviation during their five days of camp. For more information on CNASA visit www.chicasaw.net.

PHOTO CAPTION: This year, 73 students spent a day at the US Flight Academy, taking ground school, visiting the control tower and going for rides in a Diamond DA-40.

For journalists only:
COMMUNICATION RESOURCES, INC.
580 Sudden Valley
Bellingham, WA 98229
Phone: 360.756.1911
Cell: 360.224.2004
Contact: David A. Gustafson, Ph.D
E-mail: Davidflies1@msn.com