

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION, FLORIDA  
AEROSPACE EDUCATION

**28 WEEK VISIONS OF EXPLORATION, 4-8 GRADE LEVELS**

August 3, 2009

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

1 – AFA with USA TODAY and local chapters have teamed together to encourage Elementary and Middle School students to achieve academic excellence in math, science and technology.

2 – USA TODAY provides each school classroom selected with a Visions of Exploration Guide containing lesson Plans for 28 weeks of the best math, science and technology articles previously published in the USA TODAY newspapers.

3 – Each classroom selected will receive 20 copies of USA TODAY newspapers one day a week for 28 weeks, along with Experience TODAY, a daily Lesson Plan with cross curricular activities centered around each day's news. The newspaper will include a special label with the AFA logo on it.

4 – Chapters decide the number of schools they would like to sponsor and may select the schools. USA Today will select the schools within 30 days after receipt of the registration form if the chapter has not selected the Schools.

5 – USA TODAY will work with the teachers to set up deliver of newspapers to the school. Teachers can designate the date of the week they wish to receive newspapers and Lesson Plans.

6 – Teacher can download an Activity Guide with new STEM Lessons and will have access to school level aerospace activities at [www.education.usatoday.com](http://www.education.usatoday.com) & [www.usatoday.com/educate/afaindex.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/educate/afaindex.htm)

7 – USA TODAY will furnish letters to teachers about the program and *Certificates of Completion* to students and teachers. Chapter Facilitator Guides will be furnished to Chapter Representatives. Educator Grants in the amount of \$250 will be awarded to five teachers who have integrated the program most creatively in their classrooms.

PROGRAM COST

1 – A total of 20 copies of classroom copies delivered to each teacher **one day a week for 28 weeks** costs \$120 per classroom.

REGISTRATION

1 – The deadline for AFA Chapters to register their sponsorship of classrooms is October 31, 2009. Access the registration form directly at: [www.usatodayeducate.com/forms/afaform\\_200910.cfm](http://www.usatodayeducate.com/forms/afaform_200910.cfm)

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL:

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