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DFW RESTORES AIRPORT TOUR PROGRAM POST 9/11 EVENTS

By popular demand, first Airport public tour is conducted since program suspended after terrorist attacks, new security rules part of education program

DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Texas (January 16, 2002) — After suspending Airport tours due to September 11 events, DFW International Airport reinstates its public tour program, with the first tour slated for more than 60 pre-kindergarten students from 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, January 16, beginning at the Airport's Administration Building, 3200 East Airfield Drive.

The children, from Dealey Montessori in Dallas, will be given an orientation in the Airport's Noise Compatibility office, learning about air traffic patterns and airplane noise; followed by a tour of an Airport Department of Public Safety Police and Fire Station to learn about Airport law enforcement, new security rules and fire safety; then taken to Founders' Plaza, the Airport's public observation area, to watch aircraft land and take off and hear the FAA control tower communicate with pilots.

"The tour program is a popular community service effort offered by DFW Airport since the Airport opened more than 25 years ago and has grown in popularity over the years," said Jeff Fegan, CEO, DFW Airport. "We're very pleased that strong public demand has encouraged the return of Airport tours, which demonstrates the interest in Airport operations and the positive impact of DFW Airport to the Metroplex and we're proud to show our community their Airport."

Prior to September 11, Airport tours hosted more than 10,000 people a year.

Depending on the group's ages and size, a DFW Airport Tour may range from one to three hours and consist of touring through a Department of Public Safety Station, Founders' Plaza, the Central Utility Plant, the Capital Development Building and Noise Compatibility office. Due to FAA security mandates, terminal building tours are no longer scheduled. All Airport tours are free and open to group sizes of 15 to 35. Larger groups may be split into two or more groups and scheduled at different times.

"We have worked very hard to structure an enjoyable and informative tour given the new security regulations at the Airport," said Ken Capps, vice president of Public Affairs. "We will continue to update the program on a regular basis to keep it fresh and fun."

Tours can be scheduled by clicking on the "Request an Airport Tour" link under RESOURCES.

Located halfway between the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, DFW International Airport is the world's third busiest, serving 60 million passengers a year. Offering nearly 2,000 flights daily, DFW Airport provides nonstop service to 129 domestic and 28 international destinations worldwide.