



We are contacting you today to invite you to be part of an exciting new event on Saturday, November 9, 2024, in Historic Downtown Bay St. Louis:

PORT AIR SPACE DAY IN THE BAY

This event is presented by the Events Committee of Bay St. Louis, Partners for Stennis & Michoud and Title Sponsor Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission. It will celebrate all things STEM in Hancock County, including the work done at Port Bienville and Stennis International Airport, NASA and its contractors and suppliers and our region's contributions to space and ocean exploration.

Port Air Space Day in the Bay will run from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on the grounds surrounding the Historic Hancock County Courthouse on Main Street. This event will give children of all ages and their families the opportunity to meet face to face with people who work at Port Bienville, Stennis International Airport, and NASA's Stennis Space Center as well as many of their forty federal, state, academic, private, and technology-based tenants. Together, NASA Stennis alone has 5,000-plus employees at high average salaries, and if counted as a single workforce, it is one of the Top 10 largest businesses in the State of Mississippi.

Anyone with a product or service related to technical education, STEM programs, or space are invited to participate by reserving a booth. Sponsorships are also available for companies to consider. On Friday evening from 5-7 p.m. at the Hancock Chamber Business Resource Center, we will host a VIP reception for visiting dignitaries and event sponsors, which will include local, state, and federal elected officials.

We are inviting the entire county to be part of the celebration. Local restaurants will feature special space named drinks and menu items and merchants will decorate their stores and offer special space related products and promotions to welcome visitors during this event. Features of the event include the 2nd Annual Bud & Burger Cooking Competition as well as interactive exhibits and displays for adults and children. The inaugural event in 2023 brought FASCINATING exhibits such as a portable planetarium, underwater drones, robotics games and flight simulators!

Most importantly, Port Air Space Day will give children the information they need to consider careers in science, technology, engineering and math to grow the workforce for Stennis and Michoud right here at home. With your help and participation in this event, we can make this happen.

Please find attached the details on how you can be a part of this historic event, and if you can, we hope you will consider supporting it as a sponsor. Registration is online at <http://partnersforstennis.org>.

Sincerely,

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