

TEACHERS IN SPACE

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Contest Update

The initial round of the contest closed on 31 December 2014. Several entry fees and essays have been received and are registered in the contest.

As of 1 January 2015 TIS has raised less than 50% of the \$30,000 required to fly our four spacesuit test team members (including our contest winner), the spacesuit, and our test equipment on the 20 parabola ZeroG flight. Therefore, we are announcing a second phase to the SpaceSuit Test Team Contest.

1. We are postponing selecting our contest winner until we have raised \$15,000 in sponsorships and donations. We will post a funding gauge on the Teachers in Space, Inc. website at www.teachers-in-space.com so all our contestants and supporters can track our progress.

2. When we have reached 50% funding (\$15,000), we will reopen the SpaceSuit Test Team Contest at a \$500 entry fee. The Space Angels Network has agreed to help us complete the financing of the spacesuit testing via this second phase of the contest. Our judges will see only the essays submitted by our entrants: they will not know entrants' names, affiliations, entry date, nor the entry price they paid.

Teachers in Space, Inc. and Final Frontier Design are extremely grateful to all of you for supporting us during the first phase of our contest and we sincerely hope you will stay with us while we work to contract our pending sponsorships and complete the second phase of the contest.

There is a funding gauge on the website that will track our progress. If we have not reached 50% funding by mid-February we may need to reschedule the spacesuit testing for a later date but as of today we expect the needed sponsorships to complete on target for the current 9 April test date.

We are working with several interested sponsors who simply weren't able to close funding in 2014. We are striving to close those deals now as well as to contract additional sponsors to meet our funding goal as early as possible this year.

We look forward to sharing more progress with you soon. Meanwhile please contact me directly with any questions or concerns.

Very best regards,

Elizabeth Kennick, President

WEBSITE NEW LOOK!

Thanks to the professional work from Joe Latrell, the Teachers In Space, Inc. website has a new look!

Rave reviews say it is "cleaner,"

"more user-friendly," "more

engaging," and "easier to navigate."

Rotating photos let the viewer see many different activities Teachers In Space sponsors. Your photo may be on there! Check it out at

www.teachers-in-space.com

Other News

TIS Pathfinder Jim Kuhl (via telephone) and president Liz Kennick (in person) will be presenting on a panel Friday 30 January at the Silicon Valley STEAM into Space Colloquium at the San Ramon CA Marriott.

We'll be discussing and taking questions on using space-related exercises to teach STEAM topics in light of Designing for Integration with Next Generation Science (NGSS) and Common Core (CCSS) standards.

Here's a link to register for the webinar:

<https://www.fuzemeeting.com/webinar/register/1048570>

For details about the event, topics and sponsors, visit http://www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/edsves/steam_colloquium.html.

Continental breakfast and Lunch are provided for the all-day event. To register, please visit <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/san-francisco-bay-area-5th-annual-steam-colloquium-registration-12355741355?ref=ebtnebregn>.

YOU CAN BE A PART OF HISTORY! HELP FUND THE SPACESUIT TEST FLIGHT!

Great mountains are climbed by many small steps. Your contribution of \$25, \$50, \$75, or \$100 will help fund the TIS, FFS spacesuit, ZeroG test flight. This newsletter goes out to more than 1,000 people. If each recipient gave just \$25, the test flight would be fully funded (along with already secured funding). IT IS SO EASY. Just CLICK HERE: [DONATE](#) . Or go to www.teachers-in-space.com and click on the blue DONATE tab on the top right. THANK YOU.