

## Tekna-Theos and UCHS to sponsor Aerospace Days

TEKNA-THEOS Inc., a high school research and education company, is partnering with the science department of Union County High School to sponsor Aerospace Days 2006.

This two-day event will utilize America's aerospace assets to promote engineering and technical careers with 7th-10th grade students from northeast Florida.

Students will hear presentations by aerospace experts, compete in four person teams to solve aerospace related engineering problems, and view exhibits representing regional aerospace and aviation entities.

On Friday, March 10, interested students and teachers and students from Clay, Duval, and Putnam counties will meet at the Orange Park Christian Academy. Then on Tuesday, March 28, students from Baker, Bradford and Union counties will meet at the Union County High School.

"This year's theme is From Small Steps to Giant Leaps," said OPCA teacher and TTI President Kevin Simmons. "Our speakers will emphasize the contributions of those who came from rural and small schools to America's preeminence in the fields of aviation and aerospace."

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This second annual event will have as its keynote speaker at both locations Greg Jenkins from Huntsville, Ala.

Jenkins is director of engineering with Moseley Technical Services (MTSI) and has developed several payloads that have completed 18 successful space flight missions on the shuttle middeck, SpaceHab, Spacelab, Russian MIR Station and International Space Station.

Jenkins developed and managed an educational program involving hundreds of students and teachers in flight experiments conducted on the International Space Station.

Also scheduled to speak are Dr. John Brandenburg, UCF professor and astrophysicist from the Florida Space Research Institute and J.B. Renninger, director of FCCJ's Aviation Center of Excellence.

Exhibitors include the Northeast Florida Association of Rocketry, the Northeast Florida Astronomy Society and NASA's Kennedy Space Center.