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JOIN US TOMORROW FOR AVIATION DAY AT PAGE FIELD AND BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM

Aviation Day 2008 will be held Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008, at Page Field from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with free admission and parking. Aviation Day is hosted annually by the Lee County Port Authority to increase community awareness of our airports – Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field General Aviation Airport. This event is geared toward aviation enthusiasts of all ages and draws thousands of people from the local community.

The featured aircraft this year will be the Douglas C-54E “Spirit of Freedom,” sponsored by Paragon Flight Training. Visitors will be able to view a flying museum and memorial housed in the plane’s interior – the same type plane used to transport food and supplies into Germany during the Berlin Airlift.

This year, we are adding a special community-focused request in honor of the 60th Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift. For 15 months in 1948-1949, the United States led a humanitarian effort to provide critical supplies to the 2 million residents of Berlin. The Berlin Airlift planes flew more than 278,000 flights and delivered more than 2.3 million tons of food and supplies. **We are asking all those coming out to Aviation Day to help our local community by bringing a non-perishable food item.** All donations will benefit The Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida.

We regret to tell the community that the P-51D Mustang, graciously sponsored by Chris-Tel Construction, which had planned to be a part of Aviation Day, is unable to come to Page Field due to unforeseen maintenance requirements.

Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field General Aviation Airport generate a regional economic impact of more than \$3.6 billion annually.

Please help us promote this event to your readers and listeners and we hope you will be able to join us on Saturday!

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