



## FORT GEORGE G. MEADE NEWS RELEASE

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# Students at Fort George G. Meade talk to International Space Station

**WHAT:** Fort George G. Meade Child Youth and School Services participants talk to International Space Station

**WHEN:** Friday, Sept. 20, 2019 3:00 p.m. to 4:20p.m.

**WHERE:** STEM Center -3102 MacArthur Rd, Fort Meade, MD 20755

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Ten Fort George G. Meade students will participate in a live question and answer session with astronauts on the International Space Station on Friday, Sept. 20, 2019. Students will have approximately 10 minutes to communicate via radio connection with the astronauts.

This opportunity is held in collaboration with the Amateur Radio on the Internal Space Station group. The ARISS technical mentor, Frank Bauer, Chief Engineer for Exploration Systems for NASA, will explain how the U.S. ham radio equipment works and how the students will use the equipment to communicate with the space station. The ARISS mission is to share knowledge about the space station and to educate young people about radio communications.

Missions and training on Fort Meade involve science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills. Early exposure to STEM can help foster future careers in various STEM fields. Prior to the question and answer session, students will have an opportunity to participate in hands-on STEM activities offered one hour prior to the event.

This event is made possible in part by community partners at Raytheon and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Raytheon is joining the John F. Kennedy library in recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Apollo mission.

## BACKGROUND

Fort Meade is the Nation's Platform for Intelligence, Information and Cyber Operations. . With more than 56,000 employees representing each branch of military service, Fort Meade is the largest employer in the state of Maryland and the Army's second largest installation based on population. Some of the Fort's 119 tenant organizations include US Cyber Command, The National Security Agency, Defense Information Systems Agency, Defense Media Activity and federal agencies including the Architect of the Capitol and the Environmental Protection Agency.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE: Media interested in covering this event must RSVP by noon on Thursday, September 19, 2019. Please contact Mary Doyle in the Fort Meade Public Affairs Office at (301) 677-5592 or [mary.l.doyle14.civ@mail.mil](mailto:mary.l.doyle14.civ@mail.mil). You will be given instructions for entering the installation.**

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