

## About SPACE RACERS

*Space Racers* is a new, original, half-hour animated series for preschoolers that follows young spaceship cadets at the Stardust Space Academy as they soar through the Solar System. Young viewers will learn about **the power of scientific investigation and observation, the wonders of space exploration, and the importance of working together as a team, all with fun and engaging characters they can relate to.**

The world of the *Space Racers* comes vividly to life in each of our 26 episodes through stunning computer-generated imagery (CGI) and actual images from NASA missions. Stories tap into children's curiosity to discover and learn about the world around them. From illustrating basic scientific concepts to investigating asteroids to solving problems on Mars, Eagle, Robyn, and Hawk, the main characters of *Space Racers*, take their audience on a fun-filled adventure of learning and collaboration.

### The power of scientific investigation and observation through STEM

*Space Racers* is designed for preschoolers. Each half hour episode focuses on the science and technology components of the early childhood STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) curriculum, and will consist of two eleven-minute animated segments bridged by live-action interstitials that emphasize the science and space content in each episode via special do-it-yourself projects and quizzes.

### The wonders of space exploration through our NASA partnership

*Space Racers* is science-fact, not science-fiction – everything depicted in *Space Racers* is based on current and developing science. We are proud to have NASA as a partner, and NASA technical advisors have evaluated every episode to ensure accuracy in the depiction of science and space technology. Additionally, many of the live-action interstitials feature NASA astronauts and scientists sharing their experiences and expertise.

### The importance of working together as a team through relatable characters

*Space Racers* stars spaceships Eagle, Hawk, Robyn, Starling, and Raven along with their fellow cadets and teachers at the Stardust Space Academy.

Each racer has a distinctive ability:

- Eagle, the natural leader of the group, has unrivaled speed and agility
- Hawk touts incredible strength and a near-perfect memory
- Robyn has the sharpest mind and is the group's scientist
- Starling is small but braver than ships twice her size
- Raven combines cunning with unrelenting competitiveness
- The wise and enigmatic Headmaster Crane guides these eager cadets on their missions

All of these characters work together and apply their unique talents to solve the challenges they face, while having fun and exciting adventures around the solar system.

Produced by Space Race, LLC, *Space Racers* is scheduled to premiere on public television stations in spring 2014 with Maryland Public Television as the presenting station, and will be distributed through American Public Television.