

NOTE: Registration is now REQUIRED for this program . See Below.

AVIATION MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

Is Hosted by: Civil Air Patrol—Waukesha Composite Squadron



Want to earn your aviation merit badge? Here's how:

First, study the badge requirements listed on the second page of this handout. They come straight from the Aviation Merit Badge handbook (© 2006). Your troop should have a copy of the handbook in its library. Or you can find information on the internet. A good site to visit is <http://www.meritbadge.org>.

For the requirements where you need to make a choice, we will be covering 2b, 2f, 3b and 4a. Notice that 3b involves building a model airplane. You do not need to do this beforehand. We will be doing it at the program.

Second, complete the written test provided to your leader. The completed, graded test, SIGNED BY YOUR SCOUTMASTER, needs to be brought to our program. The answer key will be mailed to your leader when they register for the program.

Third, come to our Youth Aviation Adventure program! The program is Saturday September 17, 2011.

The program is held at the Waukesha County Airport. The program runs from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and consists of ten stations which cover the topics discussed in the Aviation Merit Badge handbook. You will spend about twenty minutes at each station and should come prepared to discuss each station's topic.

Admission to the program is \$5, and can be mailed in with your pre-registration form, which is at the end of this document. Because most of the program is conducted indoors, it will be held regardless of weather. At the end of the program, you will have completed the requirements for your aviation merit badge. You do not need to bring a blue card to the program. We will provide them.

To register for the program fill out the attached registration form (Pre-registration is preferred). Additional information is also available on our website go to <http://www.waukeshacap.com> or contact Pam Bourque at 262-696-9833.

Aviation Merit Badge Requirements

1. Do the following:

- a. Define "aircraft". Describe some kinds and uses of aircraft today. Explain the operation of piston, turboprop and jet engines.
- b. Point out on a model airplane the forces that act on an airplane in flight.
- c. Explain how an airfoil generates lift, how the primary control surfaces (ailerons, elevators, and rudder) affect the airplane's attitude, and how a propeller produces thrust.
- d. Demonstrate how the control surfaces of an airplane are used for takeoff, straight climb, level turn, climbing turn, descending turn, straight descent, and landing.
- e. Explain the following: the recreational pilot and the private pilot certificates; the instrument rating.

2. Do TWO of the following:

- a. Take a flight in an aircraft with your parent's permission. Record the date, place, type of aircraft, and duration of flight, and report on your impressions of the flight.
- b. Under supervision, perform a preflight inspection of a light airplane.
- c. Obtain and learn how to read an aeronautical chart. Measure a true course on the chart. Correct it for magnetic variation, compass deviation, and wind drift. Arrive at a compass heading.
- d. Using one of many flight simulator software packages available for computers, "fly" the course and heading you established in requirement 2c or another course you have plotted.
- e. On a map, mark a route for an imaginary airline trip to at least three different locations. Start from the commercial airport nearest your home. From timetables (obtained from agents or online from a computer, with your parent's permission), decide when you will get to and leave from all connecting points. Create an aviation flight plan and itinerary for each destination.
- f. Explain the purposes and functions of the various instruments found in a typical single engine aircraft: attitude indicator, heading indicator, altimeter, airspeed indicator, turn and bank indicator, vertical speed indicator, compass, navigation (GPS and VOR) and communication radios, tachometer, oil pressure gauge, and oil temperature gauge.
- g. Create an original poster of an aircraft instrument panel. Include and identify the instruments and radios discussed in requirement 2f.

3. Do ONE of the following:

- a. Build and fly a fuel-driven model airplane. Describe safety rules for building and flying model airplanes. Tell safety rules for use of glue, paint, dope, plastics, fuel, and battery pack.
- b. Build a model FPG-9. Get others in your troop or patrol to make their own model, then organize a competition to test the precision of flight and landing of the models.

4. Do ONE of the following:

- a. Visit an airport. After the visit, report on how the facilities are used, how runways are numbered, and how runways are determined to be "active."
- b. Visit a Federal Aviation Administration facility - a control tower, terminal radar control facility, air route traffic control center, flight service station, or Flight Standards District Office. (Phone directory listings are under U.S. Government Offices, Transportation Department, Federal Aviation Administration. Call in advance.) Report on the operation and your impressions of the facility.
- c. Visit an aviation museum or attend an air show. Report on your impressions of the museum or show.

5. Find out about three career opportunities in aviation. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you.