



SOONER FLIGHT ACADEMY

The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA



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CAMP INFORMATION
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DEAR CAMPER AND PARENTS,

Your exciting adventure at OU Sooner Flight Academy is about to begin! Enclosed is important information that you and your parents will need to know.

OU Sooner Flight Academy will hold a new parent meeting at our location, 2113 Goddard on Tuesday, May 28th. Penguins, Cardinals, and Condors will meet at 6 p.m. Falcons, Eagles and Sky High will meet at 7 p.m. We will cover camp policies and give you a chance to ask questions and meet our staff, as well as other parents.

During all camp sessions, campers will be supervised at all times by Sooner Flight Academy counselors and high school-age interns. Camp will be in session from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the weeks listed on Page 13 of this handbook. Saturday flights will include Cardinals, Condors, Falcons, Eagles and Sky High will have flights throughout the camp week.

Sign-in on Monday morning will begin at 8:15 a.m. for those not participating in Extended Day Curriculum. Parents must walk their camper into our building (see page 5) for sign-in located in each camp's classroom. For the rest of the week, 8:30 a.m. drop-off and 3:30 p.m. pick-up can be accomplished as directed in your camp note. Graduation on Friday will take place in the OU Maintenance hangar at 2:45 p.m. See camp note (given at Monday camp registration) for directions. Any changes will be communicated via email using the email address given at registration. Sky High does not have a graduation ceremony.

Extended Day Curriculum is provided from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. each day (except for Friday afternoon). This Extended Day Curriculum costs an additional fee of \$110. Parents must escort the camper in and out of the building each day for Extended Day Curriculum.

During your online registration process, you will complete and submit your child's medical release as well as their activity/publicity release. That information must be on file with SFA for your child to attend camp. If your child needs any special accommodation or you need to make us aware of any medical/behavioral issues, please be sure that is reflected on the medical release form. In addition, we would also appreciate an email to flightcamp@ou.edu telling us your child's name, camp session and what we need to be aware of so that we can make your child's experience as enjoyable as possible. Please contact our office if you have any questions (405-325-1635).

If an emergency arises while your child is attending camp and you need to contact your child, please call Sooner Flight Academy's main number 405-325-1635. If you are unable to reach us, call the OU School of Aviation 405-325-7231, or the OU Police Department at 405-325-2864. **Cell phone policy of SFA Summer camp** - Knowing that parents and campers want the ability to use their cell phone in an emergency or to communicate with their parents, cell phones are allowed at camp. However, due to the need to focus on the camp activities, there will be a cell phone holding area. Cell phones brought to camp must be stowed in the holding area and camp staff must be informed when the camper needs their phone.

In addition to these instructions, please pay particular attention to the other camp details included in this handbook. You are going to have five days of fun-filled activities, so come ready!

Blue skies and soft landings,

OU Sooner Flight Academy Staff

FLIGHT PLAN

Payment/Cancellation Policy

There are two payment options at the time you register.

OPTION 1

- Pay non-refundable \$25 application fee.
- Pay in full – camp tuition.

OPTION 2

- Pay non-refundable \$25 application fee.
- Apply for partial scholarship (full scholarships are not available).
- If an award is offered and accepted, it will be applied to the camper's balance, and the remaining balance is due by May 24, 2024.

The deadline to apply for a partial scholarship is May 1. You will be informed by email of any award you receive by May 15. Once you accept in writing no later than May 20, the award will be applied to your balance. The remainder of your balance will be due no later than May 27.

If the camp you want to register in is full, you can be added to the waiting list by signing up for the list on our [registration site](#).

If you need to cancel your registration for Summer Camp, please send an email to flightcamp@ou.edu with that request. Cancellation requests MUST be made in writing. You may be eligible for a refund (excluding the non-refundable \$25 application fee) if you cancel registration more than seven days prior to the camp. If you cancel seven days or fewer prior to the camp, you will receive a refund minus the \$25 application fee and a \$100 cancellation fee. No refunds will be given for cancellations requested after the camp has started. Please allow four to six weeks to process any refunds.

NAVIGATION DIRECTIONS

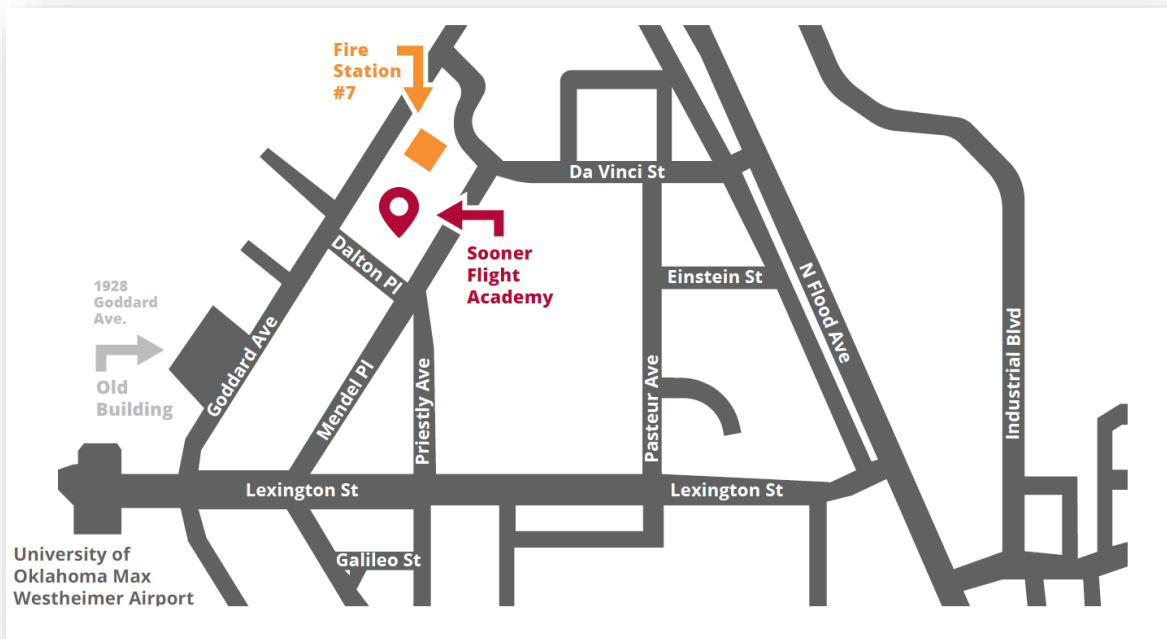
Sooner Flight Academy

2113 Goddard Ave.

Norman, OK 73069

(405) 325-1635

Due to limited parking at our location, additional parking is available west of our building on grass. One handicapped spot is reserved at our address. In addition, some camp weeks will utilize the parking at 1928 Goddard Ave.



Coming from North:

South on I-35

Exit to the left on Highway 77 (merges into Flood Ave.)

Take a right on Goddard Ave.

Follow Goddard to SFA. Look for the sign out front. Building will be on your left beside the fire station. If you pass the terminal building (with the control tower), you've gone too far.

Coming from South:

North on I-35

Exit to the right on Robinson St.

Turn left on Robinson St. (eastbound)

Turn left on Berry Rd.

Turn left onto Westheimer Dr. and follow it around until you pass the terminal.

Take a right onto Goddard and go east. SFA will be on your right. Look for the sign in the yard.

If you pass the fire station, you've gone too far.

FARs | FLIGHTCAMP ADVISORIES AND REGULATIONS

Important Camp Details – See page 5 for parking information!

Sign-in on the Monday of your camp will begin at 8:15 a.m. Except for Monday morning, drop-off time is between 8:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. and pick-up time is between 3:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Extended Day Curriculum is not offered on Friday afternoons. The camper must be picked up by 3:30 p.m. at the graduation location.

Dropping off prior to 8:15 a.m. and/or picking up after 3:45 p.m. will automatically enroll your camper in our Extended Day Curriculum, and the \$110 fee will be added to your account (if you were not already enrolled in Extended Day). If the camper has not been picked up by 5 p.m., university policy directs us to notify OUPD.

With parent permission, Eagles campers who have access to personal transportation will be allowed to release themselves at the end of each day. All other campers will only be released to adults on the authorized pick-up list and only after being photo identified. This is for the safety of your child. Please make sure the list of authorized adults is accurate. This information must be submitted during registration, but can be updated any time prior to the start of camp by emailing us at flightcamp@ou.edu.

Campers should wear comfortable clothes: modest length shorts, a light-colored T-shirt or blouse and closed-toe shoes that are good for running. Flip-flops and open-toed shoes will not be allowed.

Campers should bring a lunch box with a lunch, snack, and drink to meet their nutritional needs each day. No refrigeration or microwave will be available, so please pack accordingly. SFA provides water each day in individual SFA bottles, and occasional snacks during camp.

Attending Sooner Flight Academy is a wonderful opportunity to experience the world of aviation. Your camper will be participating in a very active week of hands-on learning. This is not a daycare setting where participation is optional. Please ensure that your camper understands that they will be expected to be an active participant, who is respectful of teachers, other campers, equipment, and buildings. Improper behavior such as: refusing to participate, striking others, using words that degrade or demean others, disregarding safety rules, having a weapon (including pocketknives) WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Parents will be notified of any misconduct and may be asked to pick up their child from camp. Refunds will not be issued for any camper asked to leave.

If a camper must be absent for a day, we will do our best to ensure that they receive the materials that were used while they were gone. However, some of our activities require the use of contracted professionals. We will be unable to make up those activities with your child when they return to camp. Additionally, because our schedules are designed to be flexible with weather and other factors, it will not be possible to predict exactly what the camper will miss.

Because of the number of students and staff in the program, we must ask that parents and visitors not stay at camp (with the exception of observing flights).

Many of our camp activities require us to be outside. If your child is susceptible to sunburn, please send sunscreen with them or apply it before coming to camp.

STARTING ENGINES

What to Expect on the First Day

ARRIVAL

See page 5 for parking information.

A parent or guardian must accompany the camper (**including Eagles and Sky High age 17 and under**) to sign-in on the first day of camp. If you enrolled in Extended Day Curriculum, sign-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. Sign-in for all other campers will begin at 8:00 a.m. Sign-in will occur in our building in each camp classroom (staff members will guide you through the building).

SIGN-IN

Upon entering our building, you will be directed to your child's classroom. Please have your child remain with you until sign-in is complete. Please also allow 20 minutes for the sign-in process in case there is a line. We make every effort to expedite the sign-in process (for example having medical forms and releases filled out online before the first day of camp), however there are several items to verify for each camper.

One item that often gets overlooked is the list of adults authorized to pick up your child. We ask that during sign-in, you verify that the list we have is accurate and up to date.

CAMP NOTE/ LUNCH/T-SHIRTS

During sign-in you will receive a camp note with information that pertains to your child's particular camp. Please make sure you pass the information on to those picking up and dropping off your child during the week.

Make sure to bring your child's lunch to sign-in. We do not have refrigeration available for camper lunches so please pack something that can be left in a classroom for several hours before consuming. Also, it's helpful to have your child's name on their lunch bag/container.

A Sooner Flight academy camp t-shirt will be given to each child and must be worn Friday for the graduation ceremony.

NAME TAGS

A name tag will be given to each child. It must be worn on the upper body at all times during camp.

BALANCE DUE

No camper will be allowed to attend camp with an outstanding balance. See our payment/ cancellation policy on page 4.

PICK-UP

Pick-up and drop-off procedures will be announced at the May 28th parent meeting and announced by email prior to the start of camp. Remember, anyone picking up a child must be on the authorized list (created by the parent at registration and sign-in) and show photo identification. This policy exists for the safety of your child. Due to the limited space in our lobby, parents will need to wait outside for their camper to be released to them at the end of the camp day.

TAKING OFF

Flights

Children 8 years of age and older may enjoy flights in OU's fleet of Piper airplanes, which includes Warriors, Arrows and the Seminole. All campers that are eligible to fly will be flying with an FAA Certified Flight Instructor employed by the University of Oklahoma. While we do our best to ensure that campers receive orientation flights, airplane rides are subject to weather and aircraft availability. Inclement weather may require the substitution of activities.

Due to many factors (weather, number of children, etc.), it is difficult to determine the exact time each child will fly. If flights are delayed due to weather, campers will fly at the earliest opportunity when conditions are favorable. Parents and guests are welcome to come and watch.

Photography is welcome. Please be aware that OU's Max Westheimer is an active airport. We ask all parents and siblings to stay off the ramp and follow all directions given by OU personnel. Cardinals and Condors will participate in a 30-minute airplane orientation ride. These rides are scheduled for Saturday mornings of their camp week.

Falcons campers will participate in a flight during which each camper will have the opportunity to sit in the front seat of the aircraft with the flight instructor. Falcons and will fly on Saturday morning of their camp week.

Eagles 1 and Sky High campers will have the opportunity to help plan the route and fly a "cross-country" flight to nearby airports with OU's School of Aviation Certified Flight Instructors. This flight will take place during the camp week.

Eagles 2 campers will also receive one-on-one instruction from an OU flight instructor as they focus on flying the traffic pattern at the airport. These flights are typically scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday with the camper flying both days.

All campers should eat a light breakfast on the days that they are scheduled to fly. Avoid greasy foods because the flights can be hot and bumpy.

During airplane flights, campers should be dressed modestly as they will be climbing in and out of aircraft. Dresses are not recommended. Long hair should be in a ponytail so as not to get caught in aircraft door. Closed-toe shoes are required. A phone or camera is allowed as is a SFA water bottle. No other items should be taken onto aircraft.

SMOOTH LANDINGS

Graduation

There will be a graduation ceremony for all campers (Sky High DOES NOT have a graduation ceremony) on Friday at 2:45 p.m. in the School of Aviation Maintenance Hangar, 1620 Westheimer Dr, Norman, OK 73069.

Entrance and parking will be on the south side of the building. Additional parking can be found at the terminal. Please arrive a few minutes early to find seats before the ceremony begins.

Campers need to wear their camp T-shirt on Friday. They may wear their T-shirt at any time during camp, but they must wear it on Friday for graduation.

Parents who are unable to attend the graduation ceremony should pick campers up at the graduation location. They will be released at 3:30 p.m. There will be no Extended Day Curriculum on Friday afternoons.

The hangar is not air-conditioned, but fans will be circulating the air. Please feel free to bring bottled water to help make yourself more comfortable.

Please remember to take home your child's activity bag that will be located at the graduation location. Final student projects will be sent home that day. Please verify your child's name on the bag so that no camper is left without their own possessions.

Photography will be permitted

CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

What Campers Can Expect at Each Level – Penguins, Cardinals, Condors, Falcons, and Eagles camps build and launch rockets, fly kites, experience aircraft, learn Bernoulli’s Principles, Newton’s Laws of Motion and much more!

PENGUINS

Penguins is a five-day non-residential camps for children who are ages 6 and 7 by June 1. The 2024 Penguins summer camp theme is *Birds that Fly*. The campers will compare and contrast birds with airplanes. The camp capacity is 30 campers with the 6 & 7 years old together.

Campers spend every day having fun and learning new things about the world around them. The airport provides opportunities to explore STEM (science, math, engineering and technology) from a very different perspective. In addition to learning things about all kinds of birds, campers enjoy rockets, kites and, of course, OU’s fleet of training aircraft to climb in and explore. 6- and 7-year-old campers do not fly.

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CARDINALS 1

Cardinals 1 is a five-day non-residential camp with Saturday morning flight for campers who are 8 years old on June 1. The camp theme is *Weather* in addition to the *Physics of Flight*.

Campers explore the wonders of STEM and the way weather affects the earth and flying through hands-on, interactive, aviation activities. The week culminates with an unforgettable and educational airplane flight over Norman. Educational orientation flights are subject to weather and aircraft/pilot availability. Substitution of activities may become necessary.

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CARDINALS 2

Cardinals 2 is a five-day non-residential camp for campers who are 9 years old on June 1. The camp theme is *Electricity and Communication* in addition to the *Physics of Flight*.

Campers explore the wonders of STEM and the way circuits are built and how radio waves allow radio communications through hands-on, interactive, aviation activities. The week culminates with an unforgettable and educational airplane flight over Norman. Educational orientation flights are subject to weather and aircraft/pilot availability. Substitution of activities may become necessary.

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CONDORS 1

Condors 1 is a five-day, non-residential camp with Saturday morning flights for kids who are 10 years old on June 1. The theme for the week is *Space Science* in addition to the *Physics of Flight*.

Condors 1 campers train like astronauts in the pool; learn about NASA, the history of the space program, and the Artemis Mission to the Moon; and they fly in an OU airplane in this action-packed week of hands-on aviation activities.

CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

What Campers Can Expect at Each Level – Each camp has a different theme!

CONDORS 2

Condors 2 is a five-day, non-residential camp with Saturday morning flight for kids who are 11 years old on June 1. The theme for the week is *Aircraft Design* in addition to the *Physics of Flight*.

Condors 2 campers learn about different materials used in engineering and design, build and ride hovercrafts and fly the sky in an OU airplane in this action-packed week of hands-on activities. Airplane educational flights are subject to weather and aircraft/pilot availability. Substitution of activities may become necessary.

FALCONS 1

Falcons 1 is a five-day, non-residential camp with a Saturday morning flight for campers 12 years old on or before June 1. The theme for this week is *Meteorology* as well as the *Physics of Flight*.

Falcons 1 campers are introduced to a variety of career fields including aviation, meteorology and broadcast meteorology by filming their own weather report. A field trip to the National Weather Center brings this career into focus. Falcons get a taste of flight training with some one-on-one instruction from an FAA Certified Flight Instructor, which will take place on Saturday mornings and are subject to weather and aircraft/pilot availability. Substitution of activities may become necessary.

FALCONS 2

Falcons 2 is a five-day, non-residential camp with Saturday morning flights for campers 13 years old on or before June 1. The theme for this week is *Engineering* as well as the *Physics of Flight*.

Falcons 2 hands-on activities and problem-solving initiatives keep the campers engaged by introducing them to a variety of career fields in aerospace, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering. A field trip to Bergey Energy brings this career into focus. Falcons get a taste of flight training with some one-on-one instruction from an FAA Certified Flight Instructor. Airplane educational flights will take place on Saturday mornings and are subject to weather and aircraft/pilot availability. Substitution of activities may become necessary.

CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

What Campers Can Expect at Each Level – Eagles are flying high with real world experiences!

EAGLES 1 – This camp is a prerequisite for Eagles 2.

Eagles 1 is a five-day non-residential camp for teens age 14-18 on or before June 1. The theme for this week is *Aviation Careers* as well as the *Physics of Flight*.

Campers are introduced to flight planning, gain a basic understanding of aircraft instrumentation, and plot a course using newly acquired map skills. Eagles 1 explore the workings of our own OU Max Westheimer Airport and compare this general aviation airport with Will Rogers World Airport by attending a behind-the-scenes tour. The highlight of the week is one-on-one flight instruction with an FAA Certified Flight Instructor in OU's fleet of training aircraft. Airplane educational flights are subject to weather and aircraft/pilot availability. Substitution of activities may become necessary.

EAGLES 2 – Eagles 1 is a prerequisite for Eagles 2. Please do not register for Eagles 2 if you have not yet attended Eagles 1.

Eagles 2 is a five-day non-residential camp for teens 15 years old or older by June 1. The theme for the week is *Leadership and Teamwork* as well as the *Physics of Flight*.

Eagles 2 campers will encounter opportunities for teamwork activities and leadership experiences that will make this an unforgettable experience where friendships are formed. This intense learning experience explores aviation science and related career fields through demonstrations, hands-on activities and contact with aviation professionals and faculty. The highlight of the program is one-on-one flight instruction with an FAA Certified Flight Instructor in OU's fleet of training aircraft. Airplane educational flights are subject to weather and aircraft/pilot availability. Substitution of activities may become necessary.

SKY HIGH

Sky High Camp is for youth 14-18 (by time of camp).

This non-residential camp is for teens who like adventure! *Physics of Flight* will be emphasized by field trips to include I-Fly Indoor Skydiving and Stafford Space Museum in Weatherford. Campers will experience Air Traffic Control simulations, unmanned aerial systems, and flight time in the OU School of Aviation Simulators and Piper Warriors. A front seat flight experience will introduce the exciting world of aviation to each participant.

SUMMER 2024 CAMP DATES

CAMP NAME	COST	CAMP DATES	FLIGHT DATES
Parent Meeting (meeting not required but encouraged for first time camper parents)		28-May	
PENGUINS CAMP			
Penguins (Ages 6-7 as of June 1)	\$525	June 3-7	No Fly
CARDINALS CAMP			
Cardinals 1 (Age 8 as of June 1)	\$550	June 10-14	15-Jun
Cardinals 1 (Age 8 as of June 1)	\$550	July 8-12	13-Jul
Cardinals 2 (Age 9 as of June 1)	\$550	June 10-14	15-Jun
Cardinals 2 (Age 9 as of June 1)	\$550	July 8-12	13-Jul
CONDORS CAMP			
Condors 1 (Age 10 as of June 1)	\$575	June 17-21	22-Jun
Condors 1 (Age 10 as of June 1)	\$575	July 15-19	20-Jul
Condors 2 (Age 11 as of June 1)	\$575	June 17-21	22-Jun
Condors 2 (Age 11 as of June 1)	\$575	July 15-19	20-Jul
FALCONS CAMP			
Falcons 1 (Age 12 as of June 1)	\$650	June 24-28	29-Jun
Falcons 1 (Age 12 as of June 1)	\$650	July 22-26	27-Jul
Falcons 2 (Age 13 as of June 1)	\$650	June 24-28	29-Jun
Falcons 2 (Age 13 as of June 1)	\$650	July 22-26	27-Jul
EAGLES CAMP			
Eagles 1 (Age 14-18 as of June 1)	\$700	June 3-7	5-Jun
Eagles 1 (Age 14-18 as of June 1)	\$700	June 10-14	12-Jun
Eagles 1 (Age 14-18 as of June 1)	\$700	July 8-12	10-Jul
Eagles 2 Campers MUST have previously attended an Eagles 1 camp!			
Eagles 2 (Age 15-18 as of June 1)	\$700	June 17-21	June 18-19
Eagles 2 (Age 15-18 as of June 1)	\$700	July 15-19	July 16-17
SKY HIGH CAMP - ONE WEEK ONLY			
Sky High (Age 14-18 as of June 1)	\$700	July 29- Aug 2	2-Aug

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