

On The Horizon

Southwest Oregon Regional Airport

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Welcome to *On The Horizon*, Southwest Oregon Regional Airport's newsletter. Our goal is to keep you up-to-date on airport activities, get to know our tenants better, and tell you more about airport operations. We appreciate any suggestions you may have regarding stories, updates, or questions we can answer for you. Feel free to reach out...David (david@flyoth.com)

Aviation Camp Visits OTH

Aviation is an industry that plenty of people find fascinating yet, at the same time, challenging to enter. Especially at the middle and high school levels, there are not many resources for kids who want to learn about airplanes and airports. Because of this Wade Lester, who is both the Vice Principal of North Bend Middle School and a summer programs coordinator, organized what is known as Aviation Camp. The goal of this program is to expose kids to the business end of an airport and show the many career paths that the aviation industry can provide. While visiting Southwest Oregon Regional Airport, the kids who attended this program got to experience some very special activities.



These activities included a tour of the whole airfield while driving on the taxiways & runways, go hands on in a Coast Guard Dolphin helicopter, talk to Coast Guard personnel, get a tour of Airport Fire Trucks with Airport Fire Fighters, have discussions with Air Traffic Controllers and TSA employees, speak to a successful pilot who works with drones, and be exposed to the general and commercial aviation industries. Being

around planes and pilots is a fun and special place to be. There are many career paths aviation gives to prospective students and the Airport is extremely happy

to help provide this type of exposure to interested individuals.



2nd Young Eagles Event To Take Place September 18

Looking towards the future, there will be another Young Eagles Event taking place at the Airport. Tentatively, this event will occur on Saturday, September 18 and will be similar to the one held in May of this past year. The Young Eagles is a program formed by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) in order to allow children, ages 8-17, to have some form of exposure to airplanes and the aviation community.



Introducing and inspiring those kids are done through free introductory flights and hands-on experiences.



For more information on the Young Eagles, please visit the EAA website at www.EAA.org. More information will be provided as the event draws near.

Learn To Fly At OTH

Ever wonder what it's like to fly? Interested in earning your wings? More and more people are figuring out that Southwest Oregon Regional Airport is a fantastic place to learn how to fly. While many may feel this is a complicated and confusing activity, your journey can begin with a simple phone call.



There is a fantastic Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) ready to teach you how to fly on the airfield. A CFI is a pilot who has passed many knowledge tests, practical exams, and flight check rides in order to safely and efficiently provide training to other pilots, both new and seasoned. August Baker is a friendly and personable individual who is native to North Bend. He has nearly 600 hours of total flight time. After graduating from North Bend High School, he began flying his freshman year of college. He enjoyed flying so much that he decided to make a career out of it. As August puts it,



"Since I was 9, I always loved aviation. Something about a big hunk of metal flying through the air fascinates me, and the view from 4,000 feet never gets old!" Fueled by that determination, he moved to Florida and attended a flight school full time. After earning his licenses and ratings and traveling back home to North Bend, he felt the effects of the COVID job search. Then he crossed paths with North Bend Coast Guard Pilot Jordan Long, who took him under his wing. August not only praises Jordan for his willingness to teach and help, but also being a strong and positive mentor in his life. August wants to pass on that same passion and drive to his students.

Part of the excitement around learning to fly is the environment. You will not be flying out of the same commercial terminal as the general public. You will fly out of a Fixed Base Operator (FBO). A simple way to think of an FBO is a fancy gas station where general aviation aircraft go to park and refuel, and where pilots take a break or prepare for the next flight. You can see anything from other smaller planes to large corporate aircraft. Southwest Oregon Regional Airport is lucky to have Coos Aviation as the FBO on the field. They are a fantastic, full service FBO and provide excellent care for their pilots and passengers.

Contact August Baker at 541-297-9573 for more information and to begin your aviation journey. See you in the skies!



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