



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 summer camp location, 1928 Goddard Ave. on Tuesday, May 26th. 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 Navigators (camp teachers) 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.

Sign-in on Monday morning for all camps will begin at 8:15 a.m. Parents must walk their camper into our building (see page 5) for sign-in. For the rest of the week, drop-off and pick-up will utilize a drive-through system as stated in your camp note which is sent out in the week prior to your camp week. Graduation on Friday will take place at 2:45 p.m. See camp note 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. Please contact our office if you have any questions or special instructions (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, campers will be asked to keep their phones put away while they are at camp. If a camper needs to contact a parent, they should inform a staff member.

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 27, 2026.

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 Summer Camp Location

1928 Goddard Ave.

Norman, OK 73069

(405) 325-1635



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 SFA Summer Camp signs. Building will be on your right side. 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 Summer Camp building will be on your left. Look for SFA Summer Camp signs. If you pass the fire station, you've gone too far.

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Important Camp Details

Monday morning sign-in for all camps will begin at 8:15 a.m. Normal drop-off time for the rest of the week 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.

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.

Extended Day Curriculum is not offered on Friday afternoons. The camper must be picked up by 3:30 p.m.

With parent permission, Eagles and Sky High campers who have access to personal transportation will be allowed to release themselves at the end of each day (they will still need a parent/guardian to sign them in on Monday). 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. For campers' safety, 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. Refunds will not be issued for missed days of camp.

For the safety of our campers, parents and visitors are not permitted to stay at camp (with the exception of observing flights).

Many of our camp activities require us to be outside. Please ensure your child wears sunscreen and bug spray every day at camp. Also, please make sure they are well hydrated before & during camp.

STARTING ENGINES

What to Expect on the First Day

ARRIVAL

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 8:15 a.m. Sign-in will occur at 1928 Goddard Ave.

SIGN-IN

Upon entering the building, you will be directed to your child's registration area. Please have your child remain with you until sign-in is complete. Please also allow up to 20 minutes for the sign-in process in case there is a line. We make every effort to expedite the sign-in process, however there are several items to verify for each camper. Ensuring you've completed and submitted the medical forms & releases ahead of time will save significant time during sign-in.

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 (don't forget to include yourself!).

LUNCH/ T-SHIRTS

Please be 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

Any camper with an outstanding balance will not be allowed to attend camp. See our payment/ cancellation policy on page 4.

PICK-UP

Anyone picking up your camper must be on the pick-up list, including yourself. They must also show their valid picture ID – EVERYDAY. Normal pick-up time is 3:30pm-3:45pm. Extended Day pick-up time is between 3:45pm-5:00pm. More information about Drop-off & Pick-up will be included in the camp note that is emailed to registrants about a week before their camp begins.

TAKING OFF

Flights

Children 8 years of age and older may enjoy flights in OU's fleet of aircraft. 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 cancellation of flights.

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 the planes take off and land. If you have camping chairs, please feel free to bring those to sit in while flights are taking place as there is limited seating. 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. Due to safety concerns, **no pets are allowed at flights.**

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 on the plane as is a water bottle. No other items should be taken onto aircraft without prior permission.

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 1 are scheduled to fly on Saturday morning of their camp week.

Falcons 2 flights will be determined as soon as possible after the start of their camp and will be communicated to parents and campers once determined. Flights will be scheduled sometime between Wednesday and Saturday of the 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. Flights will be scheduled sometime between Wednesday and Saturday of the camp week. Many factors go into scheduling flights including safe weather conditions, aircraft and pilot availability, and number of campers in each camp. Our flight department will assess all these factors on Monday of each camp week and begin scheduling flights. Parents and campers will be notified of flight schedules as soon as possible after camp begins.

Eagles 2 campers will receive one-on-one instruction from an OU flight instructor as they focus on flying the traffic pattern at OU's airport as well as learn about flight maneuvers. Eagles 2 campers are scheduled to fly twice during their week of camp—once per day on two separate days. However, aircraft availability may necessitate the flights be combined. Flights will be scheduled sometime between Wednesday and Saturday of the camp week. Many factors go into scheduling flights including safe weather conditions, aircraft and pilot availability, and number of campers in each camp. Our flight department will assess all these factors on Monday of each camp week and begin scheduling flights. Parents and campers will be notified of flight schedules as soon as possible after camp begins.

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. The location of the ceremony will be announced in the camp note that is emailed to registrants the week before their camp begins.

Campers should 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.

Please arrive at graduation early to find seats before the ceremony begins. Doors will open at 2:20pm.

The hangar that graduation is held in is not air-conditioned, but fans will be circulating the air. Please feel free to bring small hand-held fans and bottled water to help make yourself more comfortable.

After graduation, please remember to grab your child's activity bag that will be located at the back of the hangar. Please verify your child's name on the bag so that no camper is left without their own possessions.

Parents who are unable to attend the graduation ceremony must pick campers up at the graduation location no later than 3:45pm. **There will be no Extended Day Curriculum on Friday afternoons.**

CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

What Campers Can Expect at Each Level

PENGUINS

Penguins is a five-day non-residential camp for children who are ages 6 and 7. The 2026 Penguins summer camp theme is Birds that Fly. The campers will compare and contrast birds with airplanes.

Campers spend the week 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 unique perspective. In addition to learning things about all kinds of flying 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.

CARDINALS 1

Cardinals 1 is a five-day non-residential camp for campers who are 8 years old. 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 aviation through hands-on, interactive, aviation activities. The week culminates with an unforgettable and educational airplane flight over Norman. Flights are subject to weather and aircraft/pilot availability. Substitution or cancellation of activities may become necessary.

CARDINALS 2

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

Campers explore the wonders of STEM through circuitry and the electromagnetic spectrum with fun interactive and hands-on activities. The week culminates with an unforgettable and educational airplane flight over Norman. Flights are subject to weather and aircraft/pilot availability. Substitution or cancellation of activities may become necessary.

CONDORS 1

Condors 1 is a five-day, non-residential camp for children who are 10 years old. 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 in this action-packed week of hands-on aviation activities. The week culminates with a thrilling flight in an OU airplane. Flights are subject to weather and aircraft/pilot availability. Substitution or cancellation of activities may become necessary.

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CONDORS 2

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

Condors 2 campers learn about different materials used in engineering and aircraft design and experience the thrill of flying in an OU airplane in this action-packed week of hands-on activities. Campers will construct their own boats using different materials and then test their designs during a field trip to the OU pool.

Flights are subject to weather and aircraft/pilot availability. Substitution or cancellation of activities may become necessary.

FALCONS 1

Falcons 1 is a five-day, non-residential camp for campers 12 years old. 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. Flights are subject to weather and aircraft/pilot availability. Substitution or cancellation of activities may become necessary.

FALCONS 2

Falcons 2 is a five-day, non-residential camp for campers 13 years old. 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. Campers will take a field trip to the OU Engineering Lab to see real-world applications of engineering and also get a taste of flight training with one-on-one instruction from an FAA Certified Flight Instructor. Flights are subject to weather and aircraft/pilot availability. Substitution or cancellation of activities may become necessary.

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Eagles 1 is a five-day non-residential camp for teens ages 14-18. 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 learn how plot a course using sectional aeronautical charts. 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. Flights are subject to weather and aircraft/pilot availability. Substitution or cancellation of activities may become necessary.

Campers aged 14–18 are welcome to attend multiple camps throughout the summer. If applying for a scholarship, each applicant may only receive one scholarship per summer.

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

Eagles 2 is a five-day non-residential camp for teens ages 14-18. The theme for the week is Crew Resource Management and Teamwork as well as the Physics of Flight.

This leveled up 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 two separate flights with one-on-one flight instruction with an FAA Certified Flight Instructor in OU's fleet of training aircraft. Flights are subject to weather and aircraft/pilot availability. Substitution or cancellation of activities may become necessary.

Campers aged 14–18 are welcome to attend multiple camps throughout the summer. If applying for a scholarship, each applicant may only receive one scholarship per summer.

SKY HIGH

Sky High is a five-day non-residential camp for teens ages 14-18. The theme for the week is The World of Aviation as well as the Physics of Flight.

This camp is a unique offering as it focuses more on generalized aviation education in addition to the Physics of Flight. Out of classroom experiences are emphasized with field trips to include I-Fly Indoor Skydiving and Stafford Space Museum in Weatherford. Campers will also experience Air Traffic Control simulations and one-on-one flight instruction with an FAA Certified Flight Instructor in OU's fleet of training aircraft. Flights are subject to weather and aircraft/pilot availability. Substitution or cancellation of activities may become necessary.

Campers aged 14–18 are welcome to attend multiple camps throughout the summer. If applying for a scholarship, each applicant may only receive one scholarship per summer.

SUMMER 2026 CAMP DATES

CAMP NAME	COST	CAMP DATES	FLIGHT DATES
Parent Meeting		May 26	
PENGUINS CAMP			
Penguins (Ages 6-7 as of June 1)	\$525	June 1-5	No Fly
CARDINALS CAMP			
Cardinals 1 (Age 8 by time of camp)	\$550	June 8-12	June 13
Cardinals 1 (Age 8 by time of camp)	\$550	July 6-10	July 11
Cardinals 2 (Age 9 by time of camp)	\$550	June 8-12	June 13
Cardinals 2 (Age 9 by time of camp)	\$550	July 6-10	July 11
CONDORS CAMP			
Condors 1 (Age 10 by time of camp)	\$575	June 15-19	June 20
Condors 1 (Age 10 by time of camp)	\$575	July 13-17	July 18
Condors 2 (Age 11 by time of camp)	\$575	June 15-19	June 20
Condors 2 (Age 11 by time of camp)	\$575	July 13-17	July 18
FALCONS CAMP			
Falcons 1 (Age 12 by time of camp)	\$650	June 22-26	June 27
Falcons 1 (Age 12 by time of camp)	\$650	July 20-24	July 25
Falcons 2 (Age 13 by time of camp)	\$650	June 22-26	TBD*
Falcons 2 (Age 13 by time of camp)	\$650	July 20-24	TBD*
EAGLES CAMP			
Eagles 1 (Age 14-18 by time of camp)	\$700	June 8-12	TBD*
Eagles 1 (Age 14-18 by time of camp)	\$700	June 22-26	TBD*
Eagles 1 (Age 14-18 by time of camp)	\$700	July 6-10	TBD*
Eagles 1 (Age 14-18 by time of camp)	\$700	July 20-24	TBD*
Eagles 2 Campers MUST have previously attended an Eagles 1 camp!			
Eagles 2 (Age 15-18 by time of camp)	\$700	June 1-5	TBD*
Eagles 2 (Age 15-18 by time of camp)	\$700	June 15-19	TBD*
Eagles 2 (Age 15-18 by time of camp)	\$700	July 13-17	TBD*
SKY HIGH CAMP - ONE WEEK ONLY			
Sky High (Age 14-18 by time of camp)	\$700	July 27- 31	TBD*

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Please note that occasionally, weather conditions may prevent flights throughout the entire week. In such cases, we'll work with campers to reschedule their flights for another time during the summer. As always, flights are subject