



HILLER AVIATION MUSEUM

22 May 2009

Dear Parent,

We look forward to having your child attend our Aviation Camp this summer. We have planned an exciting week of hands-on activities, flight simulation, aircraft encounters and more. Here are some important things to know about this summer's activities.

Before Camp Starts

- Fill out the Camper Information and Medical Form prior to camp start date. Be sure to indicate all individuals authorized to pick up your child and complete the medication information if medication is to be brought to camp.
- Turn in the form to your child's Camp Instructor on the first day of camp. For campers attending multiple sessions, it is only necessary to turn in one copy. Please do not mail or fax the letter to the Museum ahead of time.

What to Bring to Camp

- Half Day campers should bring a snack to eat during morning break. Full Day campers should also bring a lunch. Drinking fountains are available, but campers may wish to bring a water bottle.
- We'll spend some time outdoors almost every day, so sunscreen is recommended.
- Each camper will be issued one T-shirt at the beginning of camp which should be worn every day. The camper T-shirt helps distinguish campers from other Museum visitors. Extra T-shirts (including designs from previous years) can be purchased in the museum's gift shop. Returning campers may wear t-shirts from 2008.
- Some projects are messy, so campers should wear clothes that can get wet and dirty.
- Do not send valuables to camp, including electronic games. The Hiller Aviation Museum is not responsible for personal property lost, stolen or damaged at camp.
- For safety reasons, roller shoes such as Heelys are not permitted at camp.

General Camp Information

- Camp check-in for all campers begins at 8:50 a.m. Bring your camper to **FRONT PARKING LOT** and enter through the front doors unless otherwise noted. Sign your child in on the camp roster when you drop off your child.
- Pick-up is at 12:00 PM for Half Day, 4:00 PM sharp for Full Day. Please sign out on the roster when you pick up your child. Late pick-ups are subject to a late fee of \$15 per fifteen-minute interval.

Special Field Trip Notes for Air & Space Camp

Campers enrolled in the Air & Space camp will build a model rocket. These rockets will be launched at the end of the week using solid rocket motors and will attain altitudes of 200+ feet. Due to the nature of this event, rockets cannot be launched at the Museum. Campers will go on a Friday field trip to launch at one of two different locations:

California State University, East Bay (Session 10, August 21st)
25800 Carlos Bee Blvd.
Hayward, 94542
Launch will be held on the Practice Field

Encinal High School (Sessions 1, 4 and 7, June 19th, July 10th and July 31st)
210 Central Ave.
Alameda, 94501
Launch will be held on the West Field adjacent to the USS Hornet Parking Lot

Transportation will be provided by CYO school bus. Campers should be signed in at the regular time and place; the bus will leave from the front of the Museum at approximately 9:30 AM, arriving at the launch site between 10 and 10:30 AM. Sunscreen and a hat are highly recommended as rocket launches are sunny, outdoor events.

Rocket launches will be followed by a brief lunch break. The bus will return to the Hiller Aviation Museum by 3:00 PM on Launch Day and campers will participate in additional activities at the Museum until sign-out time.

Parents are welcome to attend the rocket launch event but must provide their own transportation. The rocket launch itself will last approximately one hour. Please advise camp staff if you have limited time available to observe your child's rocket launch.

Campers launching at the Alameda launch site will visit the USS Hornet and tour its space-related exhibits. Camper admission to the Hornet is included as part of camp registration; parents are welcome to join campers aboard ship but must pay a separate admission fee. The Aviation Camp group will depart the Hornet no later than 2:00 PM.

We'll see you soon at Aviation Camp!

Sincerely,

Jon Welte
Education Programs Manager