



Aviation Explorer Base Camp
on the Grounds of EAA's AirVenture
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INFORMATION PACKET

Join us at the Aviation Explorer Base Camp held during AirVenture, EAA's annual convention at Whitman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The Base Camp offers Explorer Posts and Adventure Crews a unique experience at AirVenture, working volunteer hours on the Custom/Homebuilt aircraft flight line and others areas of AirVenture. The Experimental Aircraft Association's annual convention runs from Monday to Sunday each year. The Aviation Explorer Base Camp begins on the Saturday evening before the convention and runs for one week, from Saturday to Saturday. The first meal at camp is served the opening Saturday evening before the orientation and safety training. The last meal is served the last Saturday evening.

Year	AirVenture Dates Monday - Sunday	Aviation Explorer Base Camp Saturday - Saturday
2010	July 26 - August 1	July 24 - July 31
2011	July 25 - July 31	July 23 - July 30
2012	July 23 - July 29	July 21 - July 28

Registration Deadlines (postmarked by):

April 1st: Unit Registration form and initial deposit due.

**Please note: Late registrants may have to pay for their entrance wristbands. See www.airventure.org for cost.*

June 1st: Individual Forms and Final payment due.

Cost (All fees are nonrefundable; however, paid fees are transferable):

\$150 for four or more days; \$85 for less than four days. These fees include a \$25 deposit.

(Posts and Crews are requested to stay a minimum of four days and are expected to volunteer every day as scheduled.)

Camp fee includes:

- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner each day (one meal the first Saturday)
- Camping space; a camp T-shirt; and other goodies as available.

If you have not registered before the final deadline but are interested in attending the Aviation Explorer Base Camp, have your Unit Leader contact the Explorer Base to see if space is available. (In addition to the camp fees, a late registration fee of \$20 will apply.)

The majority of scouts and advisors stay in tents. Limited parking space and hookups are available for RV's, travel trailers, and pop-ups. A donation of \$50 for RV's, trailers, and air-conditioned pop-ups or \$25 for basic pop-ups is requested for electrical service.

Electricity is not available for tents in the main camping area.

Aviation Explorer Base Phone Number mid-July to early August / 920-232-9037

TO ALL AVIATION EXPLORER BASE PARTICIPANTS, BOTH EXPLORERS AND ADULTS:

Youth participants are all campers under the age of 21. Parent/guardian signatures are required on many of the forms for youth participants under 18. Please check forms carefully.

1. **READ ALL INFORMATION THOROUGHLY.**
2. Have parent(s) or guardian(s) read the information and discuss it together.
3. Mark the dates of the registration deadlines on your calendar.
4. Use the Forms Checklist on the registration form to assist in proper submission of all paperwork. Copies of the forms are available from your Post or Crew leader and on the Aviation Explorer Base Camp website, www.aviationexplorerbase.com.
 - Individual Registration Form
 - Additional Information Form
 - BSA Personal Health and Medical Record Form – Class
 - Explorer Base Health Care Form
 - Personal Agreement Form
 - EAA Volunteer/Work Consent Form
 - PhotoCopy of current proof of insurance
5. Contact your Unit leader with any questions.

NOTE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

It is a policy of the Boy Scouts of America-Learning For Life affiliate, that at least two (2) adults be present at all Unit functions (including this activity). **When the program or activity is co-ed, there will be at least one adult female and one adult male at that activity.** This policy applies to each Unit and is intended for the protection of both the youth in the program, and the adult leaders. This complies with the youth protection policies of Learning for Life and is strictly adhered to by the organizing body for this activity.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

The Aviation Explorer Base is open field camping. All participants must provide their own shelter, i.e. tents, small camping trailer, etc. Limited electricity is available for campers and RV's, but no electricity is available in the tent area. Pre-planning is essential to ensure each participant has a place to stay. Keep in mind that this is an Aviation Explorer Base Camp and Learning for Life guidelines for camping activities will be strictly enforced. There are showers located within easy walking distance of the campsite and portable toilets are nearby.

WHAT DO WE DO:

A big responsibility of the Posts and Crews who attend The Aviation Explorer Base Camp is working volunteer hours on the Custom/Homebuilt Aircraft flight line. We provide volunteer assistance in the Ultralight, KidVenture, auto parking and other areas as well. In the past we have assisted in communications, VIP services, Transient aircraft parking, and Operation Thirst.

Although everyone has plenty of time to enjoy the myriad of things to see and do at AirVenture, the Explorer Base's partnership with EAA requires that they earn their keep. Their duties include airplane marshalling in the Custom/Homebuilt Aircraft area and crowd control in the Ultralight area. Some key functions we provide are to welcome pilots and their passengers to AirVenture, help them park their aircraft, and assist them with their immediate needs. Other services include ground control, spectator safety, aircraft security, and miscellaneous duties as required. Safety is paramount and the camp provides a flight line training program. The training is mandatory and is designed to make sure everyone has the knowledge and information they need before getting near an aircraft, whether in operation or not.

HOW LONG DO WE WORK:

Schedules are generally made up into 2 to 4 hour shifts with everyone working one or two shifts per day. This can vary depending upon the needs of the individual work areas, the number of available volunteers, and the weather. Schedules and hours are posted each day in the camp and should be checked by everyone before leaving the camp area. Explorers 18 years and older may request additional hours. Prior to beginning the extra shift, their Advisor and Aviation Explorer Base Chairman or designee must approve these requests. This is especially important because, as an example, the individual may have had too much sun or other reasons that might jeopardize that individual's health or well being.

Everyone will be scheduled for certain camp duties, such as meal preparation and cleanup, and camp grounds cleanup, etc. In order for the camp to continue serving three meals a day it is very important for Advisors *and* Explorers to participate in meal preparation and cleanup.

WHERE TO EAT:

Remember: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner meals are served in camp daily and are included in the camp fee. If you choose to eat on the convention grounds there are several eating locations serving a wide variety of foods. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner menus are available at varying costs. Depending on individual appetites, meals on the EAA grounds generally range from \$3.00 to \$7.00.

FREE TIME

Everyone is free to pursue the following interests when not scheduled for volunteer shifts or camp duties. Some of the many activities worth looking into are:

EAA Museum - Open daily, free admission, free shuttle bus to and from convention site. A world-class museum includes exhibits on everything from homebuilts to warbirds, theaters, operating dioramas, art, photography and more. A must to do!

Forums - Lectures, discussions and demonstrations on scores of aircraft, flying and space subjects. Look for Youth Forums designed specifically for Explorer-aged youth. The Forum schedule will be posted in camp for daily reference.

Air Show – A fantastic display of aerobatic aircraft performers happens every afternoon from approximately 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Friday and Saturday shows include the Warbirds Extravaganza.

Government and Commercial Displays – NASA, the military, FAA, AeroShell, Flying Magazine, numerous colleges and universities offering aviation degrees, and a myriad of other displays throughout the grounds

Aircraft Displays - Commercial Manufacturers exhibits, Vintage and Modern Military (Warbird) aircraft, Antique and Classics, Custom, Home-Built, Experimental and Ultra-Light planes in the show plane display area on the flight line.

Fly-Market – (The aviators' Flea Market) You name it and you can probably find it here.

Theater in the Woods and Fly-In Theater - Program and entertainment nightly. Arrive early for good seats.

In general, if you are interested in any form of Aviation you can find something related to it at the convention. This is the place to pursue your aviation interests. COURTESY is expected AT ALL TIMES. RESPECT for other people's aircraft, property, and quiet time (there are hundreds of nearby campers) is a MUST! Keeping this in mind during your stay, YOU SHOULD HAVE THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE!

INSURANCE FOR EAA CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS

Questions often arise concerning insurance and liability as a volunteer. Here are TWO of the MOST COMMON of those questions as they relate to you as a volunteer.

1. As a volunteer at the EAA convention, can I be sued if someone or someone's property is injured because of my action?

Answer: Anyone can sue anyone. It doesn't make any difference where you are or what you're doing. Our civil laws allow any person who believes they have been injured, either personally or their property, to sue the person or persons they feel are responsible., i.e., if you are a volunteer on the flight line and you direct a taxiing aircraft into a parked aircraft and the aircraft owners feel it was your fault, sure, they can and may bring a suit against you.

2. Does EAA's Insurance cover me as a volunteer?

Answer: This question and the answer are most important. YES, then EAA Convention Insurance covers volunteers as they perform their duties as a volunteer. This means, going back to the previous example, EAA's insurance would defend and pay awarded settlements, if it was your fault. Volunteers are named as such right on EAA's Convention insurance policy as Named Insured and that means EAA's insurance would cover you as a volunteer. Insurance coverage applies to both legal defense and awarded or negotiated settlements.

Estimated AirVenture Fast Facts

based on figures from previous years

10,000+	Total aircraft flown to AirVenture
560,000+	Number of attendants
1,700	International visitors registered from 60 countries
800	Commercial Exhibitors
900	Media Reps from 6 continents
2,647	Total Showplanes including:
	Homebuilts
	Vintage
	Warbirds
	Ultralights
	Seaplanes
	Rotocraft
4000+	Explorer Base Volunteer Hours!!
60%	Percentage who Return to AEB Each Year!!



What To Pack

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Preparations for a week in Wisconsin in July include planning for both hot (90°) and mild (70°) temperatures plus an occasional thunderstorm. Usually, but with no guarantees, the days are quite warm and humid and the temperature cools off overnight.

WHAT TO BRING (Check the list carefully, you will be miles from a store):

MANDATORY ITEMS:

- _____ 1. Daily change of clothes
 - shorts and long pants or jeans
 - t-shirts, both short and long sleeved (no halter tops)
 - socks and under clothes (extra pairs are recommended)
- _____ 2. Jacket and sweater or sweatshirt
- _____ 3. Rain coat, rain suit or poncho
- _____ 4. A comfortable cap or hat with visor
- _____ 5. Comfortable well-fitting walking shoes or tennis shoes (2 pairs)
(sandals and open-toed shoes are not allowed when working on the flight line)
- _____ 6. Flip flops for the shower
- _____ 7. Wash cloths and towels
- _____ 8. Soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothbrush/paste, comb or brush, misc. toiletries
- _____ 9. Sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher (enough for multiple applications)
- _____ 10. Lip balm with sunscreen
- _____ 11. Sunglasses with UV protection
- _____ 12. Tent – stakes, poles, rope, etc.
- _____ 13. Ground cloth (plastic)
- _____ 14. Sleeping bag or blankets and Pillow
- _____ 15. Flashlight and/or battery lantern (no fuel type lanterns allowed)
- _____ 16. Wrist watch and alarm clock
- _____ 17. Water bottle with belt clip, labeled with name
- _____ 18. Prescription medication
- _____ 19. Garbage bags for dirty clothes and trash and to protect belongings from rain

Optional Items:

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| _____ Cot or mattress | _____ Books/magazines |
| _____ Camera and extra film | _____ Binoculars |

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- 1. Bicycles (EAA rule), rollerblades, skateboards, and laser pointers
- 3. Appliances that require electrical service
- 4. Expensive clothing
- 5. Excessive amounts of cash. (Money Orders or Traveler's Checks can be cashed on the convention grounds. Credit cards are accepted at EAA gift outlets.)
- 6. Anything of value absolutely not needed (i.e., computers, radios and other portable electronic devices)