

EAA Adult Orientation Flight Guidelines

In the same way EAA's successful Young Eagles program has introduced more than 1.5 million children to the world of aviation, EAA Chapters have sometimes expressed a desire to share an introductory flight experience with adults. The following guidelines are designed to help EAA Chapters facilitate such an experience.

Requirements

Each of the following requirements must be followed to conduct adult orientation flights:

- Flights must adhere to all applicable Federal Air Rules (FARs).
- Pilots must hold an Appropriate Airmen's Certificate (Sport Pilot or greater).
- Pilots must possess a current Medical Certificate (if applicable).
- Pilots must be current EAA National Members.
- Pilots must be current to carry passengers in the aircraft they plan to use.
- Pilots must have a current Flight Review.
- Aircraft Passenger Liability Insurance is required for the aircraft used (owned, rental or borrowed).
- The adult waiver form must be completed before the flight.
- The aircraft used for the flight must be in airworthy condition.
- The flight must take place in VFR weather.
- Although flights can be used to familiarize a person with an airplane, no flight instruction can take place. The pilot in command must remain in command throughout the flight.

Guidelines for Conducting Adult Orientation Flights

Remember:

For many, this may be the first time they have been exposed to a general aviation airplane and pilot. It may even be the first time they have ever been to an airport. With that in mind, take time to act as an ambassador for aviation. Take time to explain what takes place at an airport and the importance of the airport to the community. Encourage the passenger to ask questions.

Before the Flight:

Consider including your passenger in your pre-flight routine, especially if they are a first time flyer. Basic explanations of the different parts of an airplane and how they work can alleviate some trepidation.

During the Flight:

Maintain a common-sense approach to the flight. Plan your flight to be as pleasant as possible. When weighing weather conditions, remember you want the flight to be conducted in the best conditions possible. For example, windy, bumpy days do not make a great first impression.

You may let your passenger follow through on the controls, but you must be in command of the aircraft at all times. *No hot loading (engines must be shut down between flights), aerobatic maneuvers, unusual attitudes or formation flights are permitted under this program.* However, you may want to demonstrate how the airplane is controlled through demonstration of simple climbs, turns and descents. Apply see-and-avoid techniques at all times.

After the Flight:

Take time to answer questions about flying or the airplane. Now is also an excellent time to suggest the next steps in learning to fly or build an aircraft. Invite them to your next Chapter meeting. Remember, you are an ambassador for EAA and aviation.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a formal program associated with the flight? No, unlike Young Eagles, there is no formal registration process for recording of flights. The purpose of these guidelines is to allow EAA Chapters to conduct orientation flights for interested adults.

What do we do with the waiver form after the flight? The waiver does not need to be filed with EAA headquarters, but we suggest that Chapters maintain a file of waivers. Remember, these may be potential future members and should be considered when recruiting new members.

Do I have to belong to an EAA Chapter to participate? Yes, currently only EAA Chapters can conduct flights under the EAA Adult Orientation Ride program. However individual EAA member pilots can still participate in Chapter-sponsored events.

Can I fly in my licensed "Experimental" aircraft? Yes. All aircraft are eligible provided they are properly licensed and flown in accordance with appropriate FARs (or the country's equivalent) and the Adult Orientation Flight guidelines.

Is there additional insurance available? At this time, there is no additional insurance available to the pilot, aside from their own passenger liability insurance. Chapters and Chapter volunteers have coverage through the Chapter insurance program.

Who can I contact for suggestions or support? For general questions about the Adult Orientation Flight program, please contact the EAA Chapter office. Phone: 920-426-4876. E-Mail: Chapters@eaa.org or visit the Chapters web site at www.eaa.org/chapters