



Venturer Flight Experience

Information Pack for Venturers and Senior Guides

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Introduction

Purpose of Scouting and the Venturer Flight Experience

Scouting is a worldwide movement that has encouraged the physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual development of young people for more than 100 years. Development of life skills such as responsibility, leadership and teamwork form part of the core aims of Scouting and are encapsulated in the Scout Law. There is no better way of building these skills than by learning to fly.

Whether you wish to launch your aviation career or would just like to fly for fun, the Venturer Flight Experience provides the perfect opportunity from which to begin that journey. The Experience delivers your first hour of practical flying training, in which YOU will fly the aeroplane, plus all the necessary ground school to complete that training.

Who we are

The Air Activity Centre (AAC) was established in 1972 at Camden Airport to provide Scouts the opportunity to experience aviation. The AAC is an Activity Centre of Scouts Australia, NSW and is run by volunteers.

From a humble beginning commencing operations out of a tent with a Cessna 150 (2-seater) the Centre now operates three modern Cessna 172 (4-seater) aeroplanes. All our aeroplanes are late models and are maintained to the highest of standards.

The Federation Aeronautique International (Paris) awarded the Scout Air Activity Centre a certificate of recognition for service to youth in 1980. Only three of these certificates have been awarded in Australian aviation history. The other two awards were presented to The Royal Flying Doctor Service and to Mr. Arthur Butler of Butler Air Transport fame.

Flying Training & Staffing Qualifications

In almost 50 years of operations the AAC has trained well in excess of 500 pilots to various levels. Many have used their pilot licences for private flying, but a large number have also trained for a career in aviation. Our pilots now fly with Qantas, Jetstar, Virgin, Rex, Cathay, RFDS, RAAF, RAN, MAF and many other flight charter and training organisations throughout Australia.

While the AAC previously provided its own flying training as a Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) accredited flight training school, it now operates in close partnership with Altocap Flight School whose instructors provide flying training to Scout members. This means that each Venturer Flight Experience participant will be a student of Altocap Flight School with training conducted in Scout aeroplanes



from Scout premises by instructors who, in many cases, are also Scout and AAC members.

All flying instructors have the appropriate licences and ratings issued by CASA for the purpose of conducting flying training. Instruction is provided by professional flight instructors with the assistance of experienced licensed pilots.

All adult members of the AAC (including instructors) hold current Working With Children Checks (WWCC). There will be at least two adults in attendance at all times throughout each day, the only exception being during flying lessons when only the instructor can be present with the student.

The One-Day Program

Structure of the Venturer Flight Experience

The one-day program is structured to introduce you to the exhilarating world of aviation by delivering the first hour of your flying training. Although it will typically take about 15 hours of dual flight instruction before you have the skill to safely fly solo, your first hour is spent in the pilot's seat, hands on and in control of the aeroplane (under the watchful eye of your flight instructor).

In addition to the airborne component, your flight is thoroughly briefed in a 1-hour group session before the flight, in this case the 'group' will be limited to you, your fellow trainees and your ground school instructor. Upon completion of the flight there is also a one-on-one de-briefing to provide feedback about the flight, advice on what to focus on in any future flights and to update and sign off your formal training record.

What's Included?

Flying Training

One hour of hands-on flying training in a Scout owned Cessna 172 aeroplane. In addition to the airtime, the flying component also includes your first pre-flight group briefing 'Effect of Controls'.

The flying component is not a joy flight! It is focused on getting you to solo standard and understanding and experiencing the effects of controls will set you firmly on this course.

Meals and Accommodation

A variety of fruit and snacks are included in the cost. In addition, an AAC peak cap will be provided as a welcome to all participants. Sunscreen will also be freely available.

What's not included?

Lunch will not be included. Ideally, a simple cut lunch should be brought from home.

Venturer Flight Experience

Start and Finish Times

The Venturer Flight Experience is designed for groups of 3 to 6 Venturers. Individual applications are welcome and will be slotted in with the next available group vacancy.

The day will start at 0800 (8.00am) and finish in the early afternoon. Following a brief welcome and introduction, students and their parents/carers will be invited to a short tour of the Air Activity Centre. This is a great time to settle in, meet the AAC team and get to know your flight instructors and fellow trainees.

With formalities complete, accompanying relatives and friends may depart leaving the students to begin their training.

Program

The program is centred around the 1-hour flying lesson and 1-hour group briefing.

When not flying or at briefings, students will be actively engaged in various ground-based activities such as:

- Aircraft ground handling and fueling
- Aircraft care and daily inspections
- Depending on availability and by prior arrangement, a number of aviation career discussions can also be hosted by experienced AAC members, air traffic controllers, aircraft maintenance engineers, professional pilots and flight instructors.

Expectations

Maturity

Flying is great fun and a very rewarding activity or career. However, all flying is built around a culture of safety. Students need to show a high level of maturity in order to:

- Listen, study and learn
- Take responsibility for a very expensive Scout owned asset
- Make sound decisions to ensure the safety of both themselves and of others

It is expected that all students show a high level of respect to all the AAC team, instructors and fellow students at all times.

Learning

Learning to fly is about having fun, discovering the joy of flying, learning a new skill, developing decision making and leadership skills and maybe even launching a career. All we ask is that you have a go and give it your best.

Is This For Me?

The Venturer Flight Experience is the perfect opportunity for you to give flying a go. The program allows YOU to be a “pilot”, to test the water, and to determine if this is for you.

If you discover flying is not your thing, then Scouting has provided you with yet another incredible opportunity, experience and challenge. The experiences and learnings will remain with you and will only positively influence your future success.

However, if the opportunity has stimulated your appetite for more, then you are welcome and encouraged to continue your flying training as a Scout member. By doing so, both the hands-on flying training and the theory will continue seamlessly in the same aeroplane and with the same instructors as before.

Past participants have also used this experience to contribute towards various higher level scouting awards and have listed it as a notable achievement on their CVs. Ultimately, how good would a Pilot Licence, with all its inferred discipline, training and decision-making attributes look on your CV?

Eligibility, Cost & Application

Who can apply?

Any registered member of Scouts or Guides Australia between the age of 15 and 19 (inclusive).

How much does it cost?

Pricing of the Venturer Flight Experience is subject to variations in aeroplane operating and student instruction costs and may therefore change from time to time. Please refer to the latest revision of the Initial Application Form for current pricing.

As a Scouts NSW Activity Centre operated by volunteer Scout members, the AAC offers this rate at a considerable discount.

The Venturer Flight Experience is effectively 1/5th of the longer 5hour/3day Air Venture Introductory Flying Training Program. Should you subsequently wish to continue your flying training by attending the following 5hour/3day Air Venture Introductory Flying Training program, only a further 4 hours need to be flown. In this case, the full cost of the Venturer Flight Experience can be discounted from the cost of the Air Venture Introductory Program.

Payment

Payments can only be accepted by either:

- Credit or
 - Debit Card
- (Visa/Mastercard only)

Full payment is to be made in person at the Air Activity Centre upon arrival on the day of the Venturer Flight Experience.

Confirmation of attendance

A minimum of 3 Venturers (max. 6) are required to run each Venturer Flight Experience. A confirmation of attendance will be sent to you via email once your application has been received and the training date has been confirmed.

Flight Scheduling

Due to the regulatory nature of aviation plus weather and other circumstances beyond our control, flying training is subject to cancellation at any time. If, for any such reason the flight cannot proceed then it will be rescheduled to a mutually convenient date and time.

What do I need to do before the day?

Personal Preparation

While not mandatory, some prior study of the CASA Basic Aeronautical Knowledge syllabus ('Effect of Controls') would assist your learning. Two very informative Youtube videos dealing specifically with this topic can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Can I continue flying training after completing the Venturer Flight Experience?

The simple answer is YES. However there are different pathways for members and non-members of Scouts/Guides Australia. Flying training is conducted by our partners, Altocap Flight School on weekends and most week days.

Members of Scouts/Guides Australia

Under 19 years of age

One option already discussed is to attend the 5hour/3day Air Venture Introductory Flying Program. Another option is to continue flying training with the AAC and Altocap Flight School at your own pace.

To continue flying training at Scout rates after the camp you must be a youth member of Scouts Australia NSW through your local Venturer unit or a youth member of Girl Guides, be an active participant in your unit (the AAC regularly checks for compliance) and commit to assisting at Camden AAC Scout activity flying days.

For further details contact our Head of Scouting Program (contact details can be found below under section, "*Further Information*").

19 years of age and over

To continue flying training at Scout rates after the camp you must be a member of Scouts Australia NSW as a Rover or Adult Helper/Leader and be appointed to the Air Activity Centre. Members of Girl Guides over 19 years of age also need to join Scouts as an Adult Helper/Leader.

AAC appointment requires a commitment to assisting approximately at Camden AAC Scout air activity flying days. While at the airport helping at an activity day, why not book a flying lesson after the completion of activity flying at around 2pm?

For further details contact our Head of Scouting Program (contact details can be found below under section, “*Further Information*”).

Path to becoming a pilot

1st Solo *Something that every pilot will always remember !!!*

This is done when your instructor decides you can take-off, fly a circuit and land to an acceptable standard. You must have studied and learned the necessary theory and have your CASA ARN and aviation medical certificate. Typically achieved in about 15 total flying hours.

Recreational Pilot Licence (RPL)

A Recreational Licence allows you to carry passengers in the local area. You must have a minimum of 25 hours flying experience and pass a CASA written examination and flight test. Typically achieved in 30-40 total flying hours. Further information can be found [here](#).

Private Pilot Licence (PPL)

A Private Licence allows you to carry passengers and fly anywhere in Australia. You must have a minimum of 40 hours flying experience including cross-country navigation training and pass another CASA written examination and flight test. Typically achieved in 50-70 total flying hours. Further information can be found [here](#).

Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL)

A Commercial Licence allows you to be employed as a pilot. You must pass a further seven theory exams and a flight test. Typically achieved in 150 – 200+ total flying hours. Further information can be found [here](#).

Why the large variance in flying hours for each stage?

Flying training is competency based and each pilot will learn at a different rate. There are a minimum number of hours for each phase of training, but most students will take more than the minimum. There are many variables that can affect the rate at which you progress.

The time between lessons has a significant effect on rate of progression. Generally, the higher the frequency of lessons, the less flying training hours required. A minimum of once a fortnight for flying lessons is recommended.

Study is also a contributing factor. The more preparation and theory study that is undertaken, the more effective each lesson in the aeroplane becomes.

At the end of the day, the hours taken are not important. The fact that you have reached a milestone and achieved your pilot licence is what counts!

Whilst there are recency requirements in order to retain the privileges of your licence, your licence itself is perpetual – once you have it, it never expires!

Sign me up

To apply, please complete both pages of the Initial Application Form and return via one of the following methods:

Email: airactivities.camps@nsw.scouts.com.au

Post: Air Venture Flying Camp, PO Box 922, Narellan NSW 2567

In Person: Aerodrome Road, Camden Airport NSW 2570 (adjacent to Control Tower). Please contact us prior to arrange a suitable time.

Please be sure to complete both pages

Note: A Scouts Australia NSW Activity Notification Form (E1) will be issued to confirm final booking.

Further Information

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact one of our team:

Flying Camp Coordinator: airactivities.camps@nsw.scouts.com.au

Head of Scouting Program: airactivities.membership@nsw.scouts.com.au

Altocap Flight School: info@altocap.com.au

**We look forward to welcoming you to the next
Venturer Flight Experience!**