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Double Eagle Aviation Academy *High School Youth . . . Exploring a Future in Aviation*



The Double Eagle Aviation Academy (DEAA) resumes after the 2020 pause. Local aviation enthusiasts volunteer to provide an amazing aviation experience at Double Eagle II Airport on Albuquerque’s west side. Sixteen high school students have accepted the challenge of a week in the airport environment to learn aerodynamics, flight planning, aircraft instruments and systems, aircraft building techniques, simulator training, plus gain exposure to the plethora of aviation and aerospace careers.

The Chile Flight formation flying team is expected to offer a flyover salute and arrive in style to lead the aircraft building workshop . After a morning devoted to building a piece of an airfoil, more than one student has been heard to say, “I’m going to build an airplane!”

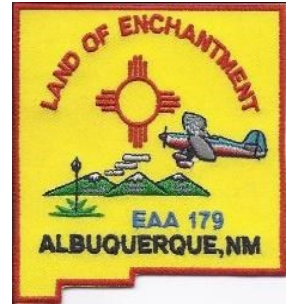


Students receive career coaching through several “Career Speaker” sessions. Speakers range from CNM Aviation Technology instructors to law enforcement pilots (APD), to an Air Force pilot who flies the CV-22 to an Aeronautical engineer and a drone pilot. Engineers working in aviation and aerospace will highlight the value of a 4-year degree in mechanical, civil, or aeronautical engineering.

Other sessions introduce careers in flight instruction, aircraft maintenance, and how to get started with an aviation education. A Moriarty glider pilot at Moriarty will introduce students to an option where they can fly solo at a younger age.



Students are greeted each morning with static aircraft displays to learn about antique, contemporary, production and amateur-built aircraft. The week starts out with a guided aircraft pre-flight, paying particular attention to flight controls, airfoil shape and pitot / static components.



"Each year, over 40 volunteers have contributed to the success of past DEAAs; we hope to keep this tradition going for years to come," said DEAA Director Jim Kessler. Parents give high praise for the program with one saying, "This is the best kept secret in Albuquerque."

A round table discussion of how to begin an aviation career will be provided on Friday by parents and past students. Certificates of completion are presented to the participants, and several aviation organizations, including the New Mexico Department of Transportation and SAMS Academy, join for the closing reception. This year's students range from those with no aviation experience to young men and women who had flown several times with the EAA Young Eagles.



Following the week-long academy, each participant has an opportunity to take a special Young Eagle Flight, following a route they will have planned. These flights are provided by local volunteer licensed pilots. The program is directed by Albuquerque Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 179, a 501c3 charitable organization of recreational pilots and aircraft builders dedicated to sharing their love of aviation.

Chapter 179 volunteers donate countless hours, their airplanes, and offer scholarships to make DEAA possible!

DEAA Class of 2019

