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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL AKWG PERSONNEL

FROM: AKWG/CC

SUBJECT: **2024 AKWG Cadet Powered & Glider Flight Academy Guidance**

1. Alaska Wing will conduct a separate "Distributed" (selected locations across the state) Powered Flight Academy from 1 March through 15 May 2024, and a separate, traditional (centralized, in-person) Glider Flight Academy 24 May through 2 June 2024 at Clear SFS for eligible cadets.
2. The 2024 AKWG **Powered Flight Academy** will be a wing-level activity this year. The AKWG's Powered Flight Academy's purpose is to improve the flying skills of attendees with approximately 10 hours of dual instruction in a CAP C-172. Solo should not be assumed as such factors as individual skills, weather, and aircraft maintenance issues may come into play. The fee for this event is \$1300 per cadet which must be paid within 30 days from the date of selection via check or credit card (details to follow upon selection). This activity, to the extent practical, will be conducted at the local level based on the availability of instructors and aircraft. Selection for this activity will be accomplished via filling out the attached cadet application. Application for this activity is open now through 31 December 2023. Candidates should fill out the application completely, then have their parent/guardian review and sign the form, then have either their Unit Commander or their Deputy Commander for Cadets review and sign the form. The completed application should be scanned and forwarded to the 2024 AKWG Powered Flight Academy Activity Director Maj Ben Padgett, 907-887-1745, 265885@akwg.cap.gov NLT 2000 hours Sunday, 31 December 2023. To be eligible, cadets must be 16 years old and have completed either an online or in-person FAA-approved Private Pilot Ground School (e.g. Sporty's Private Pilot Ground School, Angle of Attack Online Ground School, home-study course with a logbook endorsement provided by a CFI, etc.) and attained at least their Wright Brothers Achievement before 1 March 2024. All students will need to provide a copy of either their US passport or their birth certificate to prove their US citizenship in accordance with TSA directives and have their IACRA paperwork completed online with a CFI to obtain a Student Pilot Certificate (this process can take more than a month to complete). Additionally, they will require at least a Third-Class Medical Certificate from a FAA-approved aviation medical examiner. The uniform for this event is the USAF-style Flight Suit and these will be issued for the event, as required.
3. The 2024 AKWG **Glider Flight Academy** will be a wing-level activity this year. Advanced and Pre-Solo cadets will have a goal of 30 flights with a CAP CFI-G in a corporate glider. While solo is possible, it should not be assumed as such factors as weather, individual skill, and aircraft maintenance may come into play. The fee for this event is \$1700 per Advanced/Pre-Solo cadet which must be paid within 30 days from the date of selection via check or credit card (details to follow upon selection). Personnel will report to Clear SFS on the afternoon of Friday, 24 May, 2023. Selection for this activity will be accomplished via filling out the attached cadet application. Application for this activity is open now through 31 December 2023. Applicants should fill out the application completely, then have their parent/guardian review and sign the form, then have either their Unit Commander or their Deputy Commander for Cadets review and sign the form. The completed application should be scanned and forwarded to Lt Col Brian Porter, 341570@akwg.cap.gov NLT 2000 hours Sunday,

31 December 2023. There will be 12 Advanced/Pre-Solo slots for this activity. Advanced Students are those who have completed their initial solo and are working towards their FAA Private Pilot Glider certification. Pre-Solo students are students who meet the FAA eligibility requirements to solo a glider. We will also accept up to 6 cadets who have not completed their glider orientation flights. Although Orientation Flight Students will only receive their (up to) 5 AF-funded Orientation Flights at this academy, they will receive all other training and materials that the advanced/pre-solo cadets receive. These Orientation Flight cadets will be charged \$450 to cover transportation, food and other materials, which must be paid within 30 days from the date of selection via check or credit card (details to follow upon selection). Selection for the Glider Academy Orientation Flight Cadets will be via attached application just the same as Advanced and Pre-Solo students. To apply in any category, cadets must be at least 13 years of age by 1 March 2024 and must provide a copy of either their US passport or birth certificate to prove their US citizenship. Students who wish to solo will need their online IACRA Student Pilot certificate application completed by 1 May, 2024. Any squadron sending a cadet to this academy is expected to provide a SM for the staff. This SM need not be an instructor, but should have a CAP Driver's License.

4. Fundraising will be an integral part of our flight activities this year. Students who are selected will be expected to assist in fundraising efforts to help defray expenses. Although there are no guarantees, if fundraising efforts are successful, the cost per cadet will be lowered. Cadet applicants should accomplish the following:

a. CAP "Cadet Invest" programs (must apply no later than 31 December 2023):

<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/cadets/cadetinvest>

An explanatory webinar on the Cadet Invest "constellation" of financial support is available:

<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/cadets/cadetblog/cadet-webinars>

b. Contact your squadron commander regarding local scholarships.

5. A participant must be able to be returned home from the activity or picked up by a parent/guardian within 24 hours if showing any symptoms of COVID-19. Senior Members wishing to travel from other states to instruct or support operations must comply with any applicable CAP and State of Alaska health restrictions.



DERK A. MacPHERSON, Colonel, CAP
Commander

2024 AKWG Powered & Glider Flight Academy Cadet Application

Cadet Rank & Full Name: _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): _____

Home Unit: AK-_____ GPA: _____ Accurate Weight: _____ Adult Men's T-Shirt Size: _____

Completed Glider Academy Application Must Be eMailed to Lt Col Porter at 341570@akwg.cap.gov &

Completed Powered Academy Application Must Be eMailed to Maj Padgett at 265885@akwg.cap.gov

No Later Than 2000hrs 31 December 2023. Late submissions will not be considered.

Circle "Yes" or "No" for each activity; you may circle "Yes" for both activities:

Y/N I am applying for a slot in the 1 March – 15 May 2024 AKWG Distributed Powered Academy
(Note: Cost is approximately \$1300 and you must be 16 years of age by 1 March 2024 to apply)

Y/N I am applying for a slot in the 24 May – 2 June 2024 AKWG Glider Flight Academy
(Note: Cost is approximately \$1700, and you must be 13 years of age by 1 March 2024 to apply)

Instructions: Fill Out the Questionnaire and answer all questions regardless of which activity you are applying for – your aviation experience in each area helps the selection board understand your aviation goals and your readiness to tackle flight training in a Flight Academy environment.

Cadet eMail Address: _____

Parent eMail Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Y/N I have applied for CadetInvest <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/cadets/cadetinvest>

FAA Documents:

Y/N I have an IACRA Account and have a Student Pilot Certificate. FTN (if known): _____

Y/N I have a FAA Class 3 (or higher) Medical Certificate.

Y/N I have taken an FAA Airman's Knowledge Test (Private Pilot PAR/PGL – Score: _____%)

Powered (C-172) Academy Questions/Information:

Y/N I have earned my Powered Solo Qualification. If so, total number of solo sorties/hours: _____

Y/N I have earned my Powered Pre-Solo Qualification.

Total number Dual hours logged: _____ Total number of Sorties: _____ Total number of landings: _____

Y/N I have completed an FAA Private Pilot Ground School (e.g. Sporty's Online or CFI Endorsement).

Y/N I have my own pilot's logbook.

Number of Powered Orientation Flights I have completed: _____

Glider Academy Questions/Information:

Y/N I have earned my Glider Solo Qualification. If so, total number of sorties/solo sorties/solo hours: Y/N
I have earned my Glider Pre-Solo Qualification. If "Yes," Total number of logged glider sorties: _____

Y/N I have completed an FAA Private Pilot Ground School (e.g. Sporty's Online, SSA or CFI Endorsement).

Y/N I have my own copy of Knauff's "Glider Flight Training Manual" and have my own glider logbook.

Number of Glider Orientation Flights I have completed: _____

CADET APPLICANT: I understand that I am expected to prepare myself for training, including advance in-person/virtual ground training, homework or fundraising efforts. **Signature:** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: I understand that this activity may cost the total amount listed above. I understand that my cadet will participate in fundraising efforts to collectively lower the cost of this activity for each participant, but I accept that there is no guarantee that my final cost will be lower.

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

UNIT COMMANDER/DEPUTY: I verify that the data in this questionnaire is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that this cadet has the requisite self-discipline to contribute successfully to a demanding activity such as a Flight Academy. Sq/CC or CDC's **Printed Last Name & Signature:** _____