Aviation Summer Camp FAQS:

**When does camp fill up?**
Historically, Aviation camp has filled up by March, and Advanced Flight camp has filled up by February. However, this does not predict 2020 registration. Ultimately, the earlier you register, the better. We will have a wait list after the camp has filled up.

**What is your cancellation/refund policy?**
WMU is happy to return any payment towards the remaining balance, with the exception of the deposit. The $500 deposit is non-refundable unless a family death or verifiable medical cause prevents the camper from attending.

**Do you offer payment plans?**
Please contact reina.t.cooke@wmich.edu if the two payments of $500 and $1,095 (or $1,595 for Advanced Flight) is not feasible for you.

**Will I have a roommate?**
Yes, rooms are double-occupancy. We do our best to keep campers of the same age or close to it in the same room. The residence halls are co-ed, but males and females have separate wings.

**Can I request my roommate?**
Yes! All roommate requests must be submitted by both individuals and submitted to Reina Cooke at Reina.T.Cooke@wmich.edu by May 15th, 2020.

**Will there be chaperones?**
Three student counselors will be with students during all activities, as well as two full time staff members for supervision.

**How do I get to camp?**
Campers are responsible for getting to and from Kalamazoo.

**Driving**
- To get to the University’s main campus, take Interstate 94 to exit 74 North onto U.S. Route 131. Travel 2.8 miles on U.S. 131 N to Stadium Drive East or exit 36. Stadium Drive east about 2.5 miles. Turn left on Oliver Street. Turn right onto Ring Road South, and then left onto West Michigan Avenue. Turn right onto Ring Road North. The Western Heights Residence Halls will be on the left side of the street.

**Flying**
- **AZO:** Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport
  - 5 miles from WMU Main Campus
  - WMU Camp Staff can arrange transportation from airport to campus*
Uber, Lyft, taxi services and rental cars are available

GRR: Gerald R Ford Grand Rapids International Airport

55 miles from WMU Main Campus

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DTW: Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport

130 miles from WMU Main Campus

ORD: Chicago O'Hare Airport

160 miles from WMU Main Campus

MDW: Chicago Midway Airport

140 miles from WMU Main Campus

Train

Kalamazoo has an Amtrak station 3 miles from WMU Main Campus

WMU Camp staff can arrange transportation from station to campus*

Transportation during the camp will be provided by WMU.

Are cellphones allowed?
Yes! In fact, we encourage the use of cell phones to stay in contact with parents/guardians. Take plenty of photos! There will be times throughout the week when we ask campers to refrain from using their phone out of respect to the presenter or tour guide.

What is the daily schedule?
Every day is unique! A complete daily schedule will be given to students upon check in. Our schedule is heavily dependent on weather and external partners and is therefore subject to change.

What do campers eat?
WMU camp staff will provide three meals per day. Breakfast and dinner will be provided at our Hoekje/Bigelow Dining center, where students can eat as much as they like from the wide array of choices. WMU Dining services offers a variety of dining options designed to meet a wide range of food preferences and needs. Camp staff throughout the day will also offer snacks. Campers will have the opportunity to purchase additional snacks throughout the week. Lunch will be provided from a
variety of local restaurants, as we will be off campus during the day. We are happy to accommodate any dietary restrictions.

**I have dietary restrictions or allergies. What do I need to do?**

We are happy to accommodate any dietary restrictions. The medical information asks for allergy and dietary needs. We will ensure that options are available.

**Is this camp safe?**

Camp counselors and staff are committed 24/7 to ensuring camper safety. Our staff has completed significant training and background checks. At the College of Aviation, safety is not just a rhetorical exercise. Safety is a practical exercise in risk identification, measurement, and mitigation. The focus on safety is broad and extends from the classroom, to the laboratory, to the flight line, to the skies above them all. The culture of safety impacts everyone at the college. Safety is at the core of what we do. The equipment and training tools used by the college, and the manner that individuals utilize the equipment, demonstrates the College of Aviation’s commitment to safety.

**Should I bring spending money?**

Spending money is not required. Campers will have the opportunity to purchase snacks and additional food from nearby Kalamazoo restaurants/shops most nights. The residence hall has a microwave and refrigerator available. There are also vending machines located in the lobby.

Campers will also have the opportunity purchase spirit wear or souvenirs from the WMU Campus Bookstore, the WMU Aviation Spirit Shop, the AirZoo Gift Shop, and other tour gift shops (if time allows). Campers will be responsible for holding any spending money that is sent with them. Campers are encouraged to keep their rooms locked and their spending money kept hidden.

**What if I’m not comfortable with one of the activities?**

We understand that it may not be for everyone! Campers are welcome to stay with the camp staff and not participate during an activity if it is out of their comfort zone.

**Is housing available if I arrive early or stay after camp?**

No. All campers will have to check in and check out at the assigned times. We would recommend a hotel if you need to stay in the Kalamazoo area before or after camp.

**Can I go running or go to the gym during camp?**

University Policy does not allow minors to use the gym facility. If time allows, campers can run around campus, pending parental/guardian approval for this to be unsupervised. We are not able to dedicate one staff member for individual supervision and do not leave campers alone with camp staff.