

Sisters Middle School Honor Roll

(Editor's note: Due to a formatting glitch, a previous version of the Sisters Middle School Honor Roll dropped a significant number of names. Here is the honor roll in full).

Fifth Grade — 4.0

Benson, Ryan; Duey, Brody; Fernandez, Allan; Heuberger, Clayton; Jones, Danny; Louvar, Grey; Maddox-Castle, Adam; Mansfield, Elana; Mayes, Ellie; Mccrystal, Lizzie; Moffat, Ashlynn; Newton, Olivia; Patton, Gus; Patton, Josie; Schutte, Isabelle; Smith, Soren; Steffen, Adriene; Thorsett, Ella.

3.5 and above

Chapman, Catalina; Fendall, Hannah; Hongel, Grace; Kissinger, Ryan; Larrabee, Reece; Montacinos, Daisy; Murillo, Jessey; Parkins, Cooper; Riehle, Matthew; Wood, Silas; Pappé, Coral; Craig, Clayton; Dachler, Bodie; Gonzalez, Toni; Hartfor, Skyelar; Ortega, Zenas; Porsche, Madeline; Quero, Norma; Torres, Avilez, Laura; Wing, Emily; Chladek, Bela; Frazee, Chloe; Kacmarek, Tate; Kunz, Hayden; Rincon, Claudia; Smith, Mackenzie; Wentzel, Carter; Alvarez, Stacey; Keeton, Isaac; Roth, Hayden; Schar, Hadley.

Sixth Grade — 4.0

Christian, Gavin; Davis, Greta; Fennimore, Maxwell; Henry, Gaven; Kelm, Shawn; Kizziar, Jenna; Lewis, Hollie; Liddell, Brooklyn; Mannhalter, Kailey; Mansfield, Kaitlin; Myhre, Sydney; Patterson, Payden; Rullman, Sage; Scholl, Andrew; Shields, Braelyn; Staudenmaier, Ryker; Thorson, Olivia; Wesel, Chloe; Wilkins, Sydney; Winter, Chloe.

3.5 and above

King, Ashton; Leaver, Cambrian; Rychard, Olivia; Foley, Taylor; Henderson, Audrey; Hicks, Christopher;

Jeffrey, Marieke; Pollard, Madison; Weston, Jack; Wood, Laela; Barry, Jaxon; Ekern, Austin; Miller, Jared; Palanuk, Maxwell; Wentworth, Alessandra; Brinkman, Mckenna; Johnson, Elijah; Maffey, Wyatt; Sharp, Sadie; Symond, Madison; Harwell, Reese; Hass, Teegan.

Seventh Grade — 4.0

Diez, Iris; Gregg, Pearl; Jones, Robert; Kissinger, Sarah; Larson, Shelby; Luckman, Jady; Root, Mary; Thorsett, William; Wilkins, Skylar.

3.5 and above

Bloking, Juliet; Kennedy, Hailee; Silva, Sophia;

Sitz, Tatum; Springer, Katherine; Young, Hayden; Christman, Haley; Springer, Maxwell; Cash, Ian; Leahy, Felix; Lucas, Sahara; Lundgren, Christopher; Marion, Joshua; Parkins, Jackson; Powell, Madeline; Ryan, Samantha; Sitz, Natalie; Wentzel, Paige; Birkland, Kaydance; Ogan, Jack; Robertson, Shea; Bertagna, Olivia; Debari, Hannelore.

Eighth Grade — 4.0

Anderson, Maddison; Asson, Joelle; Bartlett, Lydia; Collins, Burke; Drew, Fernandez, Mariana; Godfrey, Olivia; Green, Lola; Griffin, Mitchell; Jeffrey, Lexi; Martinez, Evan; Mccrystal, Delsie; Myhre, Adelyn; Nicklous, Samuel; Salisbury, Rheanna; Schmidt, Daniel; Thorsett, Samuel.

3.5 and above

Ehrlich, Amanda; Ezell, Hannah; Huber, Kaylee; Owens, Charmayne; Silva, Samantha; Werts, Holly; Peterson, Brogan; Calavan, Maren; Geisen, Aspen; Gil, Barrios, Margaret; Mosca, Hailey; Palmer, Evan; Schar, Ramsey; Sundstrom, Gracen; Johnson, Aaron; Komar, Sasha.

Safety determines flight pattern

By **Jim Cornelius**
News Editor

Some local residents continue to feel their tranquility disturbed by aircraft operations at Sisters Eagle Airport; some clarification has been made about the nature of the flight pattern of the Skydive Awesome aircraft.

Airport manager David Campbell previously indicated that the plane is "required" to operate within a five-mile "cylinder" around the airport. The use of the term "required" was not quite accurate. There is no regulatory or statutory requirement governing the flight pattern of the skydiving plane — but there is a protocol.

Jason Lawver, aviation safety inspector with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), responded to Sisters-area resident John Mapes' inquiry on the subject:

"The FAA does not require that the airplanes remain within five miles of the airport, but that is the radius of a notification that is published to other pilots," Lawver wrote. "The operator asks the FAA to issue a 'Notice to Airmen' referred to as a NOTAM. The purpose

of the NOTAM is to notify other pilots who fly through the area that skydiving activities take place at that location. Parachutes are not something a pilot would generally expect, so the extra notification helps increase safety.

"The standard radius of a NOTAM is five miles, but most operators do not want to go that far out. It is generally considered good practice to stay near an airport in case of any emergency. Generally they fly to an unpopulated area and slowly circle up. Their biggest concern is where to go in case of emergency and remaining within gliding distance to an airport."

Safety concerns are the determining factor in the flight pattern of the orange-and-white Cessna 182 that is used to take skydivers up.

Pilot James Butler takes off heading "downhill" on the runway to the northeast, then turns left along the drainage of Indian Ford Creek as the plane gains altitude.

The plane then heads west toward Black Butte, which the pilot uses to gain lift for the aircraft so that it can gain altitude as quickly as possible. The pilot sets up to move into the wind (almost always

coming out of the west aloft) and drops the skydivers at an altitude of 10,000 feet above ground.

The pilot varies his flight pattern once he hits 500 feet on takeoff to avoid repeatedly flying over one area.

The key considerations in the flight pattern, besides gaining altitude and setting up for the drop, are having options to set the plane down or to dump the skydivers safely if the plane were to run into trouble. That requires open areas, and Butler notes that he avoids flying over downtown Sisters as much as possible.

Skydive Awesome's operations are heavily weather-dependent; cloud-cover and wind can ground the operation.

Noise from the climbing and circling plane continues to be an issue for some local residents, though personnel at the airport note that some complaints about the skydiving operation come in when the skydiving plane has not flown. An orange-and-white smokejumper aircraft out of Redmond also occasionally flies in the area, and there are other aircraft in the skies over Sisters Country.

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