

Aviation Program Hosted for Girls



Girls in Aviation Day

Local Youth Aviation Program Expands To Vancouver

Celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, Airway Science for Kids provides extensive age-appropriate programs at the elementary, middle and high-school levels; opportunities for high school students to build a real plane. The Historic Trust and Airway Science for Kids (ASK) announced that programming at the Trust's Pearson Field Education Center is now operated under the leadership of Airway Science for Kids. This partnership merges education programs and resources to expand the Education Center's reach to inspire youth to pursue aviation STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) education and careers.

The expanded offerings at Pearson Field Education Center include weekly open Saturday programs, after school programs, partnership with Cascadia Technical Academy's Aviation Technology program and summer camps for youth in Southwest Washington. The partnership with The Historic Trust builds on Airway Science for Kids' current STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) education and training programs at its North Portland Aerospace Training Center, at Hillsboro and Aurora airports, and online curriculum.

"By combining these two great programs Southwest Washington youth and their families will have the best of both worlds: An incredible aerospace-based STEAM program with a connection to our community's rich and diverse aviation history," said Temple Lentz, CEO of The Historic Trust.

Airway Science for Kids was founded by Pearson Field pilot and aviation educator Bob Strickland to create equity and opportunities through aviation STEAM education. It has inspired and opened doors for thousands of youth, welcoming to all, with a focus on kids of color, kids living on low-incomes, girls, and other kids who may face barriers.

"This partnership opens up more education and opportunities for our youth, and we are looking forward to working with volunteers, community partners and supporters of Pearson Field Education Center to best serve Southwest Washington youth," said Julia Cannell, Executive Director, Airway Science for Kids.

This year's Girls in Aviation Day took place on Saturday Sept. 24. This event is part of the Trust's Special Saturday series, sponsored by Columbia Credit Union. More information can be found at <https://www.airsci.org/> and <https://www.pearsonfielddeduction.org/>.

 Three workers are standing in an industrial setting, possibly an airport hangar. They are wearing safety gear: hard hats with headlamps and high-visibility safety vests over their work clothes. The worker on the left is a woman with glasses, the middle one is a woman with glasses, and the one on the right is a man with glasses. They are all looking towards the camera.

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