



Young Aviator Update

August 2015

Mission Oshkosh 2015: SUCCESSFUL!

The McKinley Jr. High B-25J made its way to Oshkosh AirVenture on July 16 and arrived home safely on July 27.

There were over 500 missions ran in KidVenture 2015. We kept a guest book and while a few visitors escaped without signing it, we wanted to share the stats that we were able to collect. Some of the comments are shared with the photos too.

Mission participants ranged in age from 5 to 74. In addition to the guests that visited from all over the United States, we also trained visitors from Australia, Chile, Canada, Egypt, England, Spain, and Switzerland.

Please look at the video that KidVenture made for their YouTube channel. The link is also on the Facebook page. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GokIxa7PCaw>

What's next? Well, we were invited back to KidVenture next year with VIP treatment so we'll see what the next year brings.

For the mission to be fully staffed as the mission is currently designed it takes 8-10 adults and/or Young Aviators to train and run a mission. One of the goals for this year is to streamline some of the training. There were over 60 Coloradans, 2 Floridians, and visiting family from Colorado and other states that traveled this year so we had people to work at the plane. We have to believe that we won't always have that many hands on deck.

DEBRIEFING FEEDBACK

"It was fun. I learned a lot"

"I'M COMING BACK!"

"Quite enjoyable"

"Spiffing"

Thanks!!

"Best simulator I've ever seen!"

"I LIKED LEARNING FROM KIDS"

"Just as fun as the best flight simulator"

"Bombs Away"

"absolutely smashing"

"WOW!"

"Mission Successful"

"Cool" (28 times!)

"FUN"

Great work! We enjoyed the project!"

"Amazing!"

(53 times)

How many ways can you spell "awesome"?!

"Awesome"

"Asesome"

"Aosome"

"Asom"

"Asaum"

We had a lot of laughs:

Trainer: "If the plane is damaged you have to parachute out."

Guest: "Will I have to do that today?"

Trainer: "You know SOS is like today's 911?"

Guest: "Yes, but mom said if I ever dialed it by accident I'd be in really deep heat!"

Guest to Trainer: "Do I have to memorize all of this?"

Guest: "I've got a really important question. Do I have to jump out of that plane now?"

September will bring more news about the B-25 goals for the year and other field trips, speakers, and training the kids will be able to participate in.

Thank You Chapter 43!



