



Evergreen Aviation Museum
The Captain Michael King Smith Educational Institute

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New Outdoor Science and Survival Property Developed at Evergreen Aviation Museum

MCMINNVILLE, Ore.— Sat., Jun. 4, 2005 A multi agency “work day”, involving the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and partner organizations, will begin a year-long project – developing a 35 acre survival property at the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville, Oregon. The property will be used to teach outdoor science and outdoor survival to the public and youth groups (including scouts, CAP, and 4H clubs, aviation groups). The property will also be used as a training site for air and ground search and rescue.

The first “work day” begins at 8 a.m. The survival property committee is expecting at least 20 volunteers to begin the project and is requesting help from the local community. The first “work day” will involve property design and the development of teaching areas and trails.

The participating agencies include: the Civil Air Patrol, Yamhill County Sheriff’s Office Search and Rescue Team, Yamhill County Emergency Management Office, Oregon National Guard, Evergreen Aviation Museum staff and volunteers.

The work party will effectively be creating a GPS and compass course, cutting roads and trails, building a safe access to the Yamhill River, building fire rings and an Operations Center for first aid, communication and operations, as well as developing a shelter teaching area and a group teaching area as well as signs for the property.

The project goal is to build a safe environment to teach public classes regarding fire building, water procurement, survival food preparation, rescue signaling, land navigation, survival first aid / hypothermia, map tracking, and a GPS and compass orientation.

The “work day” tools, food and equipment came from a \$500 grant from The Macerich Company, the parent company of Washington Square Shopping Center in Tigard, OR.

Evergreen Survival Property Advisory Committee includes: Civil Air Patrol LtCol Les Peterson, McMinnville Civil Air Patrol Commander, Kent Stuart, McMinnville Civil Air Patrol and Yamhill County Search and Rescue, Seven Richmond, SFC Oregon National Guard, Scot Caughan, Commander of the McMinnville Armory, Bob Maca, Emergency Management Coordinator, Yamhill County, Gary Arnold, VP of Operations Evergreen Aviation Museum and McMinnville Civil Air Patrol, Terry Naig, Property Manager, Evergreen International.

The members of McMinnville Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol have taught outdoor survival to many youth and aviation groups across the Oregon and Washington. Some of the groups include; Boy Scouts, Grade Schools, CAP Cadets, Oregon and Washington Pilots Associations, Kids Safety Fairs, Hunter Safety Clinics, in addition to County Search and Rescue groups. For many years, the Squadron hosted and operated its own yearly two-day Outdoor Survival School for up to 50 students from throughout Oregon. CAP intends to reestablish the school on this property too.

Please contact LtCol Les Peterson of the McMinnville Civil Air Patrol with any questions at 503-538-3459. For more information on the Civil Air Patrol, please refer to the website at www.mcminnvillecap.com.

The Evergreen Aviation Museum is best known as the home of the world's largest wooden airplane, the *Spruce Goose*, SR-71 *Blackbird* and Grumman F6F-3 *Hellcat*. In addition, there are more than 60 historic aircraft and exhibits on display, along with artwork, traveling displays, the newly remodeled Spruce Goose Café and the museum store. The Evergreen Aviation Museum's hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily except when it is closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Easter. The Museum is located at 500 NE Captain Michael King Smith Way, across the highway from the McMinnville Airport and about three miles southeast of McMinnville, Ore., on Highway 18. Regular visitor admission is required. Call (503) 434-4180 for more information, and visit www.sprucegoose.org.

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