



Evergreen Aviation Museum

The Captain Michael King Smith Educational Institute

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Exciting Hands-On Education Throughout Spring Break

Evergreen Aviation Museum encourages parents and students to take advantage of spring break as a time to learn about aviation history first-hand.

MCMINNVILLE, Ore. – The Evergreen Aviation Museum is inviting the public to take part in this year's spring break activities during the week of March 20 to March 26.

The week's activities will begin on March 20. Visitors will have the opportunity to hear veterans and pilots share first-hand stories at featured aircraft including the B-17 *Flying Fortress*, Douglas DC-3, Supermarine *Spitfire*, Bf-109 *Messerschmitt*, F-4 *Phantom*, F6F-3 *Hellcat* and the Hughes' Flying Boat *Spruce Goose*. In addition to the hands-on exhibits featured in the children's interactivity center, the museum will also offer special children's tours and glider building activities throughout the week.

The Spring Break activities will run daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will include 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. gallery tours, as well as opportunities to view the SR-71 *Blackbird* cockpit, the *Spruce Goose* cargo deck and the new virtual flight deck tour of the *Spruce Goose*. The new Children's Interactivity Center will also be open. Visit the recently remodeled Spruce Goose Café and see the expanded inventory at the museum store.

Please note that the museum is closed on Sunday, March 27 for Easter.

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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Spring Break Scheduled Speakers

Sunday, March 20th

9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	SR-71 cockpit viewing and <i>Spruce Goose</i> cargo deck viewing Children's Interactivity Center open
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	B-17 Walk-thrus (\$3/person)
11:00 a.m.	Docent-led guided tours
1:00 p.m.	John Marshall "F-4"
2:00 p.m.	Docent-led guided tours

Monday, March 21st

9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	SR-71 cockpit viewing and <i>Spruce Goose</i> cargo deck viewing Children's Interactivity Center open
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	B-17 Walk-thrus (\$3/person)
11:00 a.m.	Docent-led guided tours
11:00 a.m.	Gunny Brandon "Our Brother's Keeper"
12:00 p.m.	Russell Barney "B-17 Combat Crew Operations"
2:00 p.m.	Colin Armstrong "F6F Hellcat"
2:00 p.m.	Docent-led guided tours

Tuesday, March 22nd

9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	SR-71 cockpit viewing and <i>Spruce Goose</i> cargo deck viewing Children's Interactivity Center open
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	B-17 Walk-thrus (\$3/person)
11:00 a.m.	Docent-led guided tours
11:00 a.m.	Ron Johnson "Current Air Force Security Forces"
12:00 p.m.	Russell Barney "B-17 Combat Crew Operations"
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	30 minute "kids" tour
1:00 p.m.	John Marshall "F-4"
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Special Children's Glider Building Activity
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	30 minute "kids" tour
2:00 p.m.	Neil Arney "Restoration"
2:00 p.m.	Docent-led guided tours
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Special "Build an SR-71 out of foam" Children's Activity
3:00 p.m.	Colin Armstrong "F6F Hellcat"
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	30 minute "kids" tour

Wednesday, March 23rd

9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	SR-71 cockpit viewing and <i>Spruce Goose</i> cargo deck viewing Children's Interactivity Center open
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	B-17 Walk-thrus (\$3/person)
10:00 a.m.	Roger Weeks "Wright Brothers and the Wright Flyer"
10:30 a.m.	Don Arner "DC-3/C-47"
11:00 a.m.	Docent-led guided tours
12:00 p.m.	Russell Barney "B-17 Combat Crew Operations"
2:00 p.m.	Mike Wright "Bleriot"
2:00 p.m.	Docent-led guided tours
3:00 p.m.	Charlie Bruckner "B-36"

Thursday, March 24th

9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	SR-71 cockpit viewing and <i>Spruce Goose</i> cargo deck viewing Children's Interactivity Center open
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10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. B-17 Walk-thrus (\$3/person)
 10:00 a.m. Dick Wood/ Jack Schlemmer “DC-3”
 11:00 a.m. Docent-led guided tours
 11:00 a.m. Monty Hale “Spitfire & Bf-109”
 12:00 p.m. Russell Barney “B-17 Combat Crew Operations”
 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. 30 minute “kids” tour
 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Special Children’s Glider Building Activity
 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. 30 minute “kids” tour
 2:00 p.m. Dick Wood/ Jack Schlemmer “DC-3”
 2:00 p.m. Docent-led guided tours
 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Special “Build an SR-71 out of foam” Children’s Activity
 3:00 p.m. Monty Hale “Spitfire & Bf-109”
 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 30 minute “kids” tour

Friday, March 25th

9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. SR-71 cockpit viewing and *Spruce Goose* cargo deck viewing
 Children’s Interactivity Center open
 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. B-17 Walk-thrus (\$3/person)
 10:00 a.m. Charlie Bruckner “B-36”
 11:00 a.m. Docent-led guided tours
 11:00 a.m. Gunny Brandon “Our Brother’s Keeper”
 12:00 p.m. Russell Barney “B-17 Combat Crew Operations”
 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. 30 minute “kids” tour
 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Special Children’s Glider Building Activity
 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. 30 minute “kids” tour
 2:00 p.m. Docent-led guided tours
 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Special “Build an SR-71 out of foam” Children’s Activity
 2:30 p.m. Melba Smith “Helicopter Training and Maintenance”
 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 30 minute “kids” tour

Saturday, March 26th

9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. SR-71 cockpit viewing and *Spruce Goose* cargo deck viewing
 Children’s Interactivity Center open
 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. B-17 Walk-thrus (\$3/person)
 11:00 a.m. Docent-led guided tours
 11:00 a.m. Gunny Brandon “Our Brother’s Keeper”
 12:00 p.m. B-17 Panel Discussion. Moderated by John Marshall. Featuring Russell Barney, Eldon Bevins, Joe Azzarelli, and Ramsey Fendall
 2:00 p.m. Docent-led guided tours

Sunday, March 27th

Easter Sunday – MUSEUM CLOSED

For more information on the events or to attend, please contact the Evergreen Aviation Museum Events Department at 503-434-4023.