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FROM CURIOUS TO COMMITTED: YOUNG AVIATOR BOOT CAMP

The future of aviation doesn't start at 30,000 feet, it starts with curiosity. This summer, Great Basin Aviation's Young Aviator Boot Camp gives teens a hands-on introduction to what aviation is really all about. Hosted at Atlantic Aviation, this isn't just classroom learning, it's real exposure to how aviation works day-to-day.

Students will explore flight dynamics, learn how airports operate, and explore different career paths across aviation, from pilots to maintenance to air traffic control. They'll tour facilities, meet industry professionals, and yes... even have the opportunity to fly.

But more than that, this camp is about showing what it actually takes to succeed in aviation, decision-making, discipline, and confidence.

Open to ages 13-16, the camp runs July 6-10 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Cost is \$250, with scholarships available. All materials and lunch are included.

If you've got a teen who's always looking up when a plane flies overhead... this is where it starts. Please reach out to Jenn at

Jenn@GreatBasinAviation.com for more information.

More details on the flyer on the last page.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- **Dont forget to tell us where you are heading!** Any XC flight, please add your destination to the comments in the booking.
- In the event of cancellation, call the office or email us asap. Messages and emails are monitored even after hours.
- Come to the Monday night study groups! Private Pilot is the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 6pm-8pm. Advanced rating/certificate study groups will be the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, same time.
- Taxiway signage and names will change on July 9th. There is a map in the GBA if you want to check it out and get familiar with it prior to the change.

**Brett Nelson- Solo**

Brett Nelson, first solo 🛩️🛩️

Flight training looks a little different when you're balancing a career, family life, kids sports schedules, workouts, and everything else that comes with adulthood... but Brett kept showing up and getting it done. This week, that effort led to a huge milestone: his first solo.

Learning to fly takes a lot of persistence, and Brett has brought exactly that mindset into training. Lesson by lesson, he kept putting in the work, continuing to improve, and staying committed even with a busy schedule. Working alongside instructor Shane Smith, that consistency paid off in a big way when Brett completed his first solo at KRTS on runway 26 🛩️

Outside the airport, Brett works in real estate and spends plenty of time being a dad and supporting his kids at baseball. Somewhere in the middle of all that, he also decided learning to fly sounded like a good idea... and honestly, we're glad he did.

He's also just an incredibly kind person to have around the school. Brett has always been friendly to the office staff, instructors, and everyone around him, and that kind of attitude makes a huge difference in the atmosphere here.

He's already got long term aviation goals too, including wanting to own an airplane, which feels like a pretty fitting goal after catching the flying bug.

Big congratulations to Brett on an awesome accomplishment and a moment every pilot remembers forever 🛩️🌟 The first solo is a huge milestone, and this one was very well deserved.

**Check the next page for
important details regarding
our upcoming Young Aviator
Boot Camp!**



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**GREAT BASIN AVIATION'S
YOUNG AVIATOR
BOOT CAMP**

 

Join us for Great Basin Aviation's Annual Young Aviator Boot Camp! A hands-on, high-energy camp designed for teens who are curious about flying, aircraft, and all things aviation. Held at Atlantic Aviation at Reno-Tahoe Airport, this camp gives you an inside look at how aviation really works. You'll learn about flight dynamics, airport operations, and explore real career paths in aerospace and aviation. You'll tour aviation facilities, meet industry professionals, and yes, you'll even have the chance to fly.

But this camp is more than just flight time. It's about discovering what it takes to be a pilot, mechanic, air traffic controller, and more. All materials and lunch are included.

A parent or guardian must attend a required info night before camp begins. A student application is required, and space is limited to one participant per household.

Open to aviation enthusiasts ages 13-16 years old.

DATE: Monday July 6th-Friday July 10th

TIME: 9:00AM - 3:00PM

LOCATION: Atlantic Aviation, 655 S Rock Blvd, Reno

COST: \$250 (scholarships available based on need)

Space is limited. Please reach out to Jenn Fonda, Jenn@GreatBasinAviation.com for more details and/or an application. **Applications due by 5/31/2026.**