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



At Great Basin Aviation's Young Aviator Boot Camp. campers get to dive headfirst into the exciting world of aviation! They'll learn all about how airplanes work and what makes them soar through the skies. Plus, they'll discover tons of cool career options in the aviation and aerospace industry. Every camper has the chance to take the controls and fly a plane themselves. However, flying is just one part of the fun! We've got all sorts of other cool activities lined up, like visits to Reno-Tahoe International Airport, KRNO Air Traffic Control Tower, and more. The camp runs for five action-packed days starting July 8th, 2024, from 9am to 3pm. A parent or guardian will need to attend a mandatory meeting on June 30th or July 6th at 5:00pm. Spots are limited, so don't wait too long to sign up -and we're only accepting one camper per household. Reach out to Jenn at Jenn@GreatBasinAviation.com for more details.

#### REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- We will flip the switch for 6am starts on May 1st. Solo pilots should hold off booking 6am for a few weeks until is it legal sunrise. Chat with your CFI for more info.
- If you would like to be part of the Study Group or Pilot Sharing What's Apps, please contact the office and we will add you.

## **GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT**



MILES GRIEVE - PRIVATE PILOT

Guess who's officially joined the ranks of the sky-high adventurers? None other than our very own Miles Grieve, who's now a certified private pilot! Yep, you heard that right - Miles (aka Squeaky Clean) can now navigate the friendly skies with the best of 'em, no need for an endorsement to jet off to Lovelock. But wait, there's more - Miles isn't just your average pilot. Oh no, he's a proud recipient of a RARA scholarship, so you know he's got some serious aviation chops. Between juggling a full-time class load at UNR and serving his country in the Nevada Air National Guard, Miles still managed to find the time and motivation to earn his wings. Talk about multitasking like a pro! So let's raise our flight manuals to Miles and his incredible achievement – he's living proof that with dedication and determination, the sky's the limit! And of course, a huge round of applause to his CFI, Kevin Marshall, for guiding him through the wild blue yonder. Congrats, Miles - you've earned every bit of those bragging rights!

Ladies and gentlemen, let's give it up for Cole Melby!! Why, you ask? Well, today he officially joined the ranks of Northern Nevada's flight instructors! That's right, Cole is now certified to teach you how to fly! And let me tell you, it's no small feat considering he's juggling a full-time commitment with the Nevada Air National Guard, chasing after an adorable little 2 ½ year of tornado of a daughter, and gearing up for another bundle of joy on the way. Plus, the hours of ground training and flying to get him to where he is today. Multitasking pro is an understatement. And let's not forget the real challenge here - surviving the GBA office fashion police! Seriously, have you ever seen someone rock so much blue and grey? But hey, who needs a wardrobe makeover when you're soaring through the skies like a boss, right? Huge props to Cole for pulling off this milestone while keeping his sanity intact (well, mostly). And let's give a big shoutout to his CFI, Danny Britson, for guiding him through the wild blue yonder. So, here's to Cole and to all the future pilots he'll be molding along the way!



**COLE MELBY - CFI** 

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Audrey has star power!! But, Audrey isn't just your average star in the sky – as of this afternoon, she's a private pilot, soaring through the clouds with grace and determination! But that's just the tip of the iceberg for this unstoppable force of nature. She's also a commercial glider pilot, a UNR student studying geological sciences, and diving headfirst into airplane flight training. Talk about a powerhouse of talent and ambition! What sets Audrey apart is her relentless drive and passion for aviation. She didn't just breeze through her training - she tackled it head-on, scoring impressive results on her knowledge test and even securing a prestigious Reno Air Race Scholarship along the way. Her dedication and hard work are truly inspiring, reminding us all that with grit and determination, the sky's the limit! But beyond her impressive achievements, Audrey's infectious enthusiasm and love for aviation light up the room wherever she goes. She's a joy to have around the office, always eager to take flight and chase her dreams with unwavering enthusiasm. And let's not forget to give a huge shoutout to Audrey's incredible CFI, Shane Smith, whose guidance and expertise have played a pivotal role in her journey to the skies. Together, they've proven that with passion, perseverance, and a great mentor by your side, anything is possible! So here's to Audrey and Shane, a dynamic duo destined for greatness. Keep shining bright, Audrey, and keep inspiring us all to reach for the stars!



AUDREY TOPP - PRIVATE PILOT