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YOUNG AVIATOR BOOT CAMP RECAP

This week, Great Basin Aviation had the privilege of hosting another incredible Young Aviator Boot Camp, and what an inspiring week it was. Throughout the week, our campers immersed themselves in the world of aviation. They explored aircraft, learned the fundamentals of flight, discovered what it takes to become a pilot, and gained firsthand insight into the many careers that keep the aviation industry moving. Every day brought new questions, new discoveries, and plenty of excitement.

One of the highlights of the week was visiting the Discovery Museum, where the students continued exploring science and engineering through hands-on exhibits. They also had the unforgettable opportunity to tour the Air Traffic Control Tower, getting a behind-the-scenes look at the professionals who safely manage the skies above Reno. Seeing aviation from a controller's perspective gave our campers a whole new appreciation for the teamwork that makes every flight possible.

We were also fortunate to welcome an incredible lineup of guest speakers. Current professional pilots, Southwest Airlines employees who got their start right here at Great Basin Aviation, North Slope Search and Rescue pilot Damien McKeown, and other aviation professionals generously shared their experiences, answered questions, and reminded our campers that every aviation career begins with a single first step. Hearing their stories made the path from dreaming to doing feel just a little more attainable.

While the activities were exciting, what stood out most was the curiosity, enthusiasm, and determination our campers brought each day. They asked thoughtful questions, embraced every challenge, and weren't afraid to step outside their comfort zones. Watching their confidence grow throughout the week was a reminder of why programs like this matter.

At Great Basin Aviation, there's nothing more rewarding than helping inspire the next generation of aviators. Whether these students become pilots, air traffic controllers, mechanics, engineers, or simply lifelong aviation enthusiasts, we're honored to have played a small role in their journey. To all of our campers: thank you for your hard work, your curiosity, and your excitement. The future of aviation is in good hands, and we can't wait to see where your dreams take you.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- CFI-led Study Groups are every Monday from 6-8pm. Contact the office for details.
- Don't forget to tell us where you are heading! Any XC flight, please add your destination to the comments.
- In the event of cancellation, call the office or email us asap. Messages and emails are monitored.

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT

Huge congratulations to Keira Fong on earning her Private Pilot Certificate! If there were an award for keeping busy, Keira would probably find time to win that too. Between high school, FFA (which, let's be honest, is only one letter away from FAA), and flight training with instructor Andrew Spanier, she's mastered the art of having a completely full schedule while somehow still making it look easy. Keira has been one of those students who's simply fun to have around. If she wasn't flying, there was a good chance she was hanging out in the office chatting with everyone. She's one of those people who can strike up a conversation with just about anyone, and somehow always manages to make the day a little more entertaining.

Behind all the laughs, though, is someone who works incredibly hard. Keira has always been diligent, prepared, and determined to improve every time she showed up. She never shied away from putting in the work, and that dedication is exactly what earned her this milestone. And, on top of all that, she is also a Reno Air Race Association Scholarship winner! No surprise there

Outside of aviation, Keira loves spending time with her family, especially during family game nights. We're not sure if she's as competitive at the game table as she is in the cockpit, but we're guessing nobody lets her keep score.

Keira, it's been so much fun watching your journey and getting to know you along the way. You've become such a familiar face around Great Basin Aviation, and we're so excited to celebrate this huge accomplishment with you. Congratulations on becoming a Private Pilot! We can't wait to see what adventure you take on next... although with your schedule, we're pretty sure you've already got the next five planned.



Keira Fong- PPL



Special shoutout to GBA alum turned Air Traffic Controller Hailey Bogle for the awesome tower tour! It's always so fun seeing our alumni thriving in aviation and giving back to the next generation. Thanks for showing us behind the scenes and for everything you do to help keep the skies safe! ✈️