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Fairfield County Airport encourages youth to explore careers in aviation *Airport celebrates SC Aviation Week August 18 – 24*

Winnsboro, S.C. – Fairfield County Airport will celebrate South Carolina Aviation Week with two youth-focused events that will highlight the positive impact the state’s aviation industry has on youth and education.

Two high school students were recruited to participate in the discovery flights by Fairfield County Airport Director Denise Bryan. She approached the administrators of Richard Winn Academy and Fairfield Central High School at the end of the 2018 – 2019 school year, asking them to develop a contest for students to enter to earn a spot for a discovery flight. The schools were allowed to develop their own criteria, provided each entrant expressed an interest in a career in the aviation industry. The students that were chosen will board a flight with flight instructors from S&S Aviation flight school at 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 19.

Twenty pre-registered scouts from Boy Scouts of America will gather at the airport on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 9 a.m. to undergo the requirements of earning the Aviation Merit Badge. Over the course of the morning and afternoon, the children will learn about the science of flight, the mechanics of piston, turboprop and jet engines, and identify the education, training and experience required for a career in the aviation industry. Discovery flights will be made available for every child who wishes to participate, with their parents’ permission.

“South Carolina Aviation Week allows airports across the state to showcase their strengths,” said Airport Director Denise Bryan, C.M. “As a general aviation facility, Fairfield County Airport truly connects with our local community by inviting students in to experience the airport, flight, and all aspects of general aviation.”

The airport is publicly owned by Fairfield County. S&S Aviation, owned by Brian Steed, is the airport’s fixed-base operator, providing flight instruction, testing, avionics and aircraft maintenance. The company donated its services for both events and the rides for the high school seniors were donated by S&S Aviation.

“Every flight instructor here has a passion for instructing and making new pilots,” said S&S Aviation Flight School Manager, CJ Baker. “I love inspiring people to get involved in aviation.”

South Carolina Aviation Week is a statewide celebration of the economic and education impact of airports and the aviation industry. Celebrated August 18 – 24, 2019 and centered around National Aviation Day on August 19, Aviation Week is planned in partnership by South Carolina Aviation Association (SCAA) and South Carolina Aeronautics Commission.

SCAA actively promotes and encourages aviation and airport development to meet air transportation needs and assist the state in achieving economic development goals. Its membership is comprised of airports and aviators across South Carolina, as well as aviation industry partners. For more information, please visit scaonline.com.

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