

# Flight University Chronicle



## Project Next Generation @ the Sparta Public

### Flight University Trainees Visit Hunter Field

Despite the dreary weather, nine trainees made it out to the Sparta Airport on April 2nd for an excellent time. Following a brief introduction to the Sparta airport (Hunter Field) and airports, in general, careers in aeronautics were discussed. Participants were then taken out to the hangar and al-

lowed to explore the cockpit of a plane and see firsthand how to manipulate the rudder, elevator, and ailerons.

After exploring the cockpit, everyone walked around the additional hangar storage to check out the eight additional

planes were put on display for our crew, including two airplanes dating back to the 1940's, one of which flew in WWII.

All in all it was quite an exciting field trip, which ended with snacks in the lounge, which was much appreciated by the trainees.

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**The 2015 Flight Class at Hunter Field**



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## Soaring to New Heights, Finally!

On March 18th, the vast majority of the trainees were finally able to see how much their hard work paid off when they began test flights of the gliders they built.

While many of the flights were not without some turbulence, after some adjustments and re-gluing all the planes which were tried out took flight and successfully flew and

landed.

In the next couple of weeks, the remaining trainees will get to try out their gliders and make adjustments as necessary.

You can look for the videos on the library's website in the next few weeks, if you're curious how the flights turned out.

## A Visit to the Helipad

On March 26, our flight trainees visited the helipad at Sparta Airport and talked with the flight crew (pilot, medic, and nurse).

After a brief introduction to helicopter basics, the trainees explored the interior of the helicopter and the hangar.



**The 2015 Flight U. Crew at the Helipad**

## On the Horizon...

The Flight University Staff is very excited to announce a very special opportunity for this year's trainees: a flight with the

Young Eagles! This fly-in event will occur on Saturday, May 2nd in the morning (exact time TBD). Look for more informa-

tion coming home with your child in the coming weeks.

The trainees will begin a new project in the next week:

a hovercraft. We look forward to trying it out in a few weeks time, most likely at the park.

Check out our website for more pictures and updates.

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### A Note to Parents

It's hard to believe that there's only a little over a month left of Flight University. Time sure has flown by (insert predictable idiom: Time "flies" when you're having fun.)

We'd like to take the time to say how impressed we have been with the behavior of our trainees over the last few weeks, especially on our field trips. Despite having to wait on several occasions, the kids, for

the most part were outstandingly well-behaved and mature. Throughout both trips they remained focused and thoughtful, as evident by their often insightful questions.

Thank you so much for raising such exemplary children. And thank you again for sharing them with us every week this spring.

Don't hesitate to let us know if you ever have any comments, ques-

tions, or concerns.

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