OBAP Fort Lauderdale ACE Academy
ACE ACADEMY 2026

DATE: JUNE 8TH -13TH

About the OBAP Fort Lauderdale ACE Academy

The Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals ACE Academy is a nationally recognized program co-sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration. (FAA) and the National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees (NBCFAE).

The purpose of Aviation Career Education (ACE) is to offer first level exposure to the aviation industry by providing aviation career exploration for middle and high school students. Academy participants learn about aviation history, theory of flight, and other aviation related subjects. Students will have the opportunity to go on field trips to aviation facilities, museums and participate in other hands-on activities designed to give students total aviation experience.

Overview

The Fort Lauderdale ACE program is designed to expose youth to the wide variety of career opportunities in aviation. The goal is to provide an opportunity for students to receive hands-on experience of learning about the history of aviation, contributions made by minorities in aviation, fundamentals of aerodynamics, the role of government in aviation, and the many careers available in the aviation industry. It is also designed to help students understand the importance of education and how it relates to various aviation and aerospace careers. Students will also experience the joy of flight by flying in the right seat of an aircraft.

Students will meet Aviation Professionals and participate in field trips to a variety of aviation facilities and educational institutions.

Activities

As a member of Fort Lauderdale ACE Academy, you will:

- Take an orientation flight in a Cessna or Piper aircraft
- Receive introductory aviation education
- Take field trips to different aviation-related facilities
- Be introduced to aviation history
- Fly a full-motion flight simulator, when available
- Learn the qualities of leadership
- Associate and work with other youth
- Meet professionals from the aviation community
- Operate unmanned aerial systems and remote-control vehicles, when available

Admission Requirements

Admission is offered to boys and girls from 13 to 18 years old who have an interest in learning about aviation and aerospace. Students must be physically capable of participating in all activities.

- High standards of behavior and self-discipline are expected, and students must abide by all academy regulations.
- Parents or guardians must attend an orientation before programs begin.

Location

FLL – Hollywood Fort Lauderdale International Airport, Terminal 4

100 Terminal Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315

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Date	Time	Activity
Thursday June 4th	1800 – 1900	Parent/Guardian Brief
Monday June 8th	7:00 - 8:00	Welcome - Attendance / Meet n Greet
	8:00 - 8:45	FLL ACE Team Intros / Breakfast
	8:45-9:00	Break
	0900 – 0945	History of Aviation
	10:00 - 10:50	Principles of Flight
	11:00 - 11:50	Aircraft Performance/Instruments
	12:00 - 13:00	Lunch
	13:00 - 13:50	Weather / Airspace
	13:50 – 14:00	Break
	14:00 - 14:50	Airports / ATC
	15:00 - 16:30	Shoebox Model Flyers (Time Aloft Challenge) - c/o South Florida Instructors
	1630	Daily Wrap-up and Dismissal

Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday June 9th	8:00 - 8:50	ACE Team Brief / Breakfast
	9:00 - 9:50	Soft Skills / Resume / Interview / Networking Best Practices w/ United Aviate & CommuteAir Recruiting
	10:00 - 10:50	Meet the Cs; Mark Binko (National Jets) – Joel Raymond (COO CommuteAir) – Evey Cormican (Founder CEO VTR) – (Former Chief UA)
	11:00 - 11:50	Future Flight Training with VTR
	12:00 - 13:00	Lunch
	13:00 - 13:50	From ACE Academy.. to where WE are now w/ three ACE Academy graduates
	14:00 - 14:50	Cargo Life – Guest Speakers from UPS, FedEx, IBC
	15:00 - 16:00	UAV Operations; Industry – ERAU Adjunct Professors
Date	Time	Activity
	8:00 - 8:50	ACE Team Brief / Breakfast
Wednesday June 10th	9:00 – 11:50	FLL Airport Operations / JetBlue Day Curbside, Check-in / Landside / Ops Tour Speakers throughout the day
	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
	13:00 -15:30	Aircraft Pre-Flight / Flight Deck / Mx Tour Speakers throughout the day
Thursday June 11th	8:00 - 8:45	ACE Team Brief / Breakfast

	9:00 – 12:00	Simulation Tour – PanAm Flight Academy
	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
	13:30 – 15:30	Simulation Tour – PanAm Flight Academy
Friday June 13th	8:00 - 8:40	ACE Team Brief / Breakfast
	9:00 – 11:50	*LEO / Military Day*: Customs and Border Protection Broward County Sheriff Broward County Aviation Department
	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
	13:00 – 15:30	*LEO / Military Day*: Florida State Troopers Broward Sheriff Civil Air Patrol Customs & Border Protection Speakers throughout / Static Display tours
Saturday June 13th	8:00 - 8:50	ACE Team Brief / Breakfast
	9:00 - 1500	*FlyDay – Phoenix East Aviation - HWO* ACE Team Brief / Breakfast - Becoming a Pilot (Options, Scholarships, and checkride briefing) - Sims / Flight Planning (for none flying students) PEA: 4 Aircraft (familiarization flight) Corporate Aviation - Industry Static: Makers Av. / HopaJet (Rotating Briefing / Redbird Sim / Pre-Flight / Flight / Static Display)

	15-00 – 16:00	Graduation - Certificate and airplane Thanks to our sponsors (Certificate / OBAP Ornament)

Important Notes

Monday June 8th – Friday June 12th Student Drop-off and Pickup;
Students will need to be dropped-off and picked-up daily at, Sheltair Aviation FLL. Please see the address below.

Sheltair Aviation FLL, Hollywood International Airport
1100 Lee Wagener Blvd. Fort Lauderdale FL 33315
OBAP Fort Lauderdale Aerospace Career Education (ACE) Academy

Saturday June 13th Student Drop-off and Pickup;
Students will need to be dropped-off and picked-up daily at, Phoenix East Aviation / Broward College, North Perry Airport (HWO). Please see the address below.-

Nearby Hotels

Homewood Suites by Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Airport-Cruise Port
2061 Griffin Rd. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
*This hotel is an approximate four (4) minute drive. Hotel shuttle is available

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Fort Lauderdale Airport & Cruise Port
2081 Griffin Rd. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
*This hotel is an approximate four (4) minute drive. Hotel shuttle is available

Residence Inn by Marriott Fort Lauderdale Airport & Cruise Port
4801 Anglers Ave, Davie, FL 33312
*This hotel is an approximate five (5) minute drive. Hotel shuttle is available

Courtyard by Marriott Fort Lauderdale Airport & Cruise Port
400 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach, FL 33004
*This hotel is an approximate six (6) minute drive. Hotel shuttle is available

Graduation Ceremony

A graduation ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 15th at Phoenix East Aviation / Broward College, North Perry Airport (HWO) at 1:30 PM. Parents and Guardians are welcome to attend the ceremony.