

Introduction to CAP gliding in Oklahoma

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GLIDER FLYING IS FUN!

Purpose

This outline provides some basic and hopefully helpful introductory information to civil air patrol glider operations in Oklahoma.

For Parents

Information on CAP Orientation rides for parents can be found [here](#), or at [this website](#).

Expectations for Cadets

It is very important that cadets are prepared for their flights and study the provided material well before the day.

Cadets are expected to take the [wingrunners course](#) and the [aircraft ground handling course](#) before the event – log in and eservices will record course completion. Cadets will have the opportunity to actively participate in all aspects of glider operations.

The wing runners course will take about an hour to complete. The ground handling video and test will take about 15 mins. Take both courses and print the certificates. Bring the the certificates with you.

Cadets should also read the Oride syllabus (at the end of this document) for the flight they are taking – if you have not flown gliders before you will be on flight syllabus ONE.

General info

Photography is encouraged. Material can be shared on social media but should show CAP in a good light.

The glider has a go-pro mount on the wing which can be used during orides. This may be the first experience of small aircraft for many. It is important to remember this is about having fun. The more the cadet prepares for the event, the more they will enjoy it and will get more out of it. For those wanting more information, the Soaring Society of America has an introduction on their [website](#).

Safety

There will be a safety briefing on the day. As in all CAP events safety is paramount. The event will be on an active airfield so everyone needs to be alert.

Uniform

Summer Uniform

Clothing should be plain, light colours (dark clothing will get hot) - be comfortable. Preferably the clothing identifies the cadet as CAP – cadet encampment gear is ideal.

Hi-viz safety vest or belts are strongly encouraged.

Female – Shorts and T-shirt. No revealing tops. No short shorts.

Male – Shorts and T-shirt. No muscle shirts. Avoid underwear showing.

Footwear: Note that boots ARE NOT PERMITTED in gliders. They may be worn while not in the glider and are not a bad idea while moving around the airfield as holes made by wildlife are not unheard of. Bring tennis shoes or similar light footwear to wear in the gliders.

If conditions are forecast to be sunny, bring sunglasses, sunscreen and a wide brimmed hat (eg Boonie hat) to protect the neck - ones that have chin straps are ideal for when its windy.

Seniors can also wear shorts and T-shirt and ideally will be identifiable as CAP. Examples include CAP logo on baseball cap, T-shirt, blue CAP polo shirt etc. Hi-viz safety vest or belts are encouraged.

Winter Uniform

For winter, cadets are expected to be in CAP uniform specified by their squadron (eg BDUs/ABUs) along with hi-viz safety vest or belts and, for those flying in gliders, a change of footwear eg Tennis shoes. If the weather is forecast to be cold, thermal underwear is strongly advised as we operate out in the open.

Checklist

Here is a list of items you will need:

- Wingrunners – completed (have your sqn oride co-ordinator verify it)
- Aircraft ground handling course – ditto
- CAP ID
- Parental release form CAPF 60-80
- CAPF 160/161
- Boots optional (for walking)/Tennis shoes or other soft soled shoes for use in glider (Boots not allowed in glider)
- Uniform of the day (see above)
- Safety vest or belt (if possible)
- If sunny (all optional):
 - Sunglasses
 - Sunscreen
 - Wide brimmed hat
 - Camelback for water
- Bring your lunch (there are no vending machines at the airport)
- Camera (optional)

Glider Flight Syllabus

[CAPP60-40](#) Appendix 1. Cadets first glider flight will be to experience syllabus one. Please try to read it before the day and formulate any questions.

Further information

For any questions or comments on this, please contact your squadron's orientation ride co-ordinator, or the wing o'ride co-ordinator (currently Lt. Jones at OK-125).

After the flights

Cadets who have never flown in a glider and/or small aircraft will receive momento certificates of their first flight. Make sure you get your certificates – as well as being a momento, some also confer benefits such as free memberships and flight magazines.

If you have any comments, good or bad, please let your glider team know. If you enjoyed it, please thank your pilot and team – it's what keeps us doing this. Share your photos and experiences. Let your friends know how much you enjoyed it.

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