



HEADQUARTERS
CIVIL AIR PATROL, Group 2
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY
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Texas Wing - Group 2

Aerospace Education and Solar Eclipse Observation Activity

OPERATIONS PLAN

06 Apr 2024 – 09 Apr 2024

1. GENERAL

A. Type of Event

This event is a combination of aerospace-oriented activities, such as STEM kits, along with the personal observation of a solar eclipse in the local area of Tyler, Texas.

B. Event Location

- 1) Nacogdoches Composite Squadron/Texas Wing HQ Civil Air Patrol
553 Terry Crawford Drive
Nacogdoches, TX 75964
- 2) Tyler Civil Air Patrol
1594 Dixie Dr
Tyler, TX 75704

C. Primary Dates & Times

Saturday, 06 April 2024, 12:00 pm – AE Activities - Nacogdoches
Sunday, 07 April 2024, All Day – AE Activities & AE Technician In A Day Course - Nacogdoches
Monday, 08 April 2024, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm – Eclipse Observation – Tyler
Monday, 08 April 2024, 6:00 pm – End of Day – AE Activities - Nacogdoches
Tuesday, 09 April 2024, All participants leave by 12:00 pm

D. Alternate Dates: None

E. USAF Funding: None

F. Mission Symbol: For Corporate Travel: 24-C-3995

G. Air Force Mission Number: None

H. OES Training Number: None

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B) Host Units

SWR-TX-085 Tyler Composite Squadron
SWR-TX-455 Nacogdoches Composite Squadron
SWR-TX-020 Group II

2. NOTIFICATION & APPLICATION

A. Notification

This will be announced via email with an attached flyer to all the Southwest Region membership. This information will also be sent to parties from the Colorado Wing and

Louisiana Wing that have already committed to this activity. In addition, the Group 2 Facebook page, the Texas Wing Facebook page, and the Texas Wing Calendar will also be utilized.

B. Application

- A) Applying for the event will begin 04 March via an email with an EventBrite link for registration and participant payment. Registration will close 25 March 2024, or when the event capacity has been reached – whichever occurs first.
- B) Per the EventBrite registration form, the names of all team members, escorts, and other member attendees, along with their rank, CAP ID numbers, unit charter number, phone number, email, days participating, and the number of nights staying at the Texas Wing HQ facility, must be completely filled out on the registration form. (For Tyler members that only attend the observation of eclipse – will not have to register via EventBrite, but will be charged \$5 for the lunch)

C. Event Capacity

A maximum of 130 people can participate in this event.

D. Event Fees

There is a \$ 25.00 registration fee for participants, escorts, and guests who attend the activity. This fee will cover the cost of all the meals provided and the overnight accommodation for staying overnight at the Texas Wing HQ facility. The fee will be the same regardless of the number of meals the participant utilizes or the number of overnight stays. This fee will be collected when each participant registers via EventBrite. Please note that EventBrite will also add their own small administration fee (\$3.52) to the \$25.00 registration fee.

3. SAFETY

- A) Participants are advised to be alert and careful at all times. Each participant must have authorization from their commander in order to attend the event and their Form 161 (Emergency Contact Information) on their person. Cadets and seniors must turn in a completed Form 160 on their arrival at the activity. Cadets will also need CAPF 60-80 Parental Permission form.

- B) Under no circumstance will the safety of personnel or equipment be jeopardized. All CAP Regulations and Texas Wing policies and procedures, which relate to safety, shall be followed throughout this activity.
- C) At least 2 Senior Members will be assigned Safety Officer duty responsibilities to monitor all activities to ensure safety compliance requirements.
- D) Special solar glasses will be provided for all participants involved in the observation of the solar eclipse. Any participants that supply their own will be required to show them for inspection prior to the eclipse. No participant will be allowed to observe the eclipse without proper eye protection.
- E) Medication – Each activity participant is responsible for their own medication.
- F) Risk Assessment Form – One will be completed for the Nacogdoches location, and one will be completed for the Tyler location.
- G) Safety briefing – Will be conducted at the beginning of each day or during the mealtime.

4. UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- A) Uniforms must comply with CAPR 39-1.
- B) For cadets, the UOD will be ABUs.
- C) For senior members, the UOD will be ABUs or the Corporate Uniform (blue polo, gray pants)

5. ADMINISTRATION

- A) Check in and check out process will be utilized each day.
- B) Cadets driving themselves – sign in, park vehicle and do not use until returning home.
- C) The check in/check out process will be used for both the NAC and Tyler locations

6. FACILITIES

A. Tyler and Nacogdoches Squadron Locations

We will be using both the inside and outside areas of these facilities. Treat the facilities with the utmost respect. We expect the facilities to be returned to the same condition as it was made available. The attendees along with the project staff will clean the facility before departure.

B. Telephone access

Attendees are advised to have personal cell phones available.

7. LOGISTICS

A. Dining

Please note that food will not be provided for any special dietary needs. If a participant has special dietary needs, they are required to make their own arrangements for meals.

The breakdown of provided meals is as follows:

Saturday, 06 Apr 2024 – Only dinner will be provided.

Sunday, 07 Apr 2024 – Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided.

Monday, 08 Apr 2024 – Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided.

Tuesday, 09 Apr 2024 – Only breakfast will be provided.

B. Medical

The emergency number is 911. Each attendee is responsible for any of their own medication needs. Information regarding the two closest hospitals are as follows:

Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital
1204 Mound Street
Nacogdoches, Texas 75961
936-564-4611

Nacogdoches Medical Center Hospital
4920 NE Stallings Drive 75965
936-569-9481

Christus Mother Frances Hospital
800 E Dawson Street
Tyler, TX 75701
903-593-8441

UT Health Tyler
1000 S Beckham Avenue
Tyler, TX, 75701
903-597-0351

C. Transportation

- A) Parking is available at the facility.
- B) CAP vans will be used for transportation from Nacogdoches to Tyler and back to Nacogdoches on the day of the eclipse. Please note a separate sortie must be entered into eServices prior to departure for that day. The tracking number will be ECLIPSE. Fuel for CAP vehicles only and fuel needed for that day only (08 April 2024) will be reimbursed by the Texas Wing. The CAP vehicles must have a full tank of fuel prior to leaving for Tyler as only fuel used for that day will be reimbursed. No other fuel will be reimbursed by the Texas Wing.
- C) Participants outside of the Tyler/NAC are encouraged to obtain and utilize their own CAP vehicle.
- D) If any participant is flying into Nacogdoches, please contact one of the project officers for transportation arrangements.
- E) If the CAP vehicles used for the day of the eclipse observation do not have enough room for all the participants, personally owned vehicles (POV) are authorized for transportation, but fuel for POVs will not be reimbursed by Texas Wing.

D. Lodging

- A) Lodging will be available at the Nacogdoches/Texas Wing HQ facility. The facility has space to separate male and female participants. The facility has an arrangement of several bunk beds with separate shower and bathroom facilities for male and females. Each participant must indicate if they need lodging during the registration process. Each participant staying at the facility overnight must bring their own twin-sized bedding supplies. Bring towels/washcloths and any hygiene items that you may need.
- B) No tents and/or campers/trailers are allowed at the Texas Wing HQ facility.
- C) Hotel information – The following is a list of local hotels. Please note that there is high demand for rooms due to the eclipse and participants will need to make reservations as soon as possible if they want a hotel room.

The Fredonia Hotel
200 North Fredonia Street
Nacogdoches, TX 75961
(936) 564-1234

Super 8 By Wyndham
3909 South Street
Nacogdoches, TX 75964
(936) 560-2888

Red Roof Inn
2020 NW Stallings
Nacogdoches, TX 75964
(936) 569-0880

Comfort Suites Nacogdoches
3429 South Street
Nacogdoches, TX 75964
(936) 560-9900

Motel 6
4809 NW Stallings Drive
Nacogdoches, TX 75964
(936) 560-1906

Holiday Inn Tyler
5701 S. Broadway
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 561-5800

La Quinta Inn and Suites
2552 S SE Loop 323
Tyler, TX 75701
(903) 481-9880

E. Tentative Schedule

The following is a tentative schedule for the entire weekend activity including the observation of the eclipse. Please note that there may be times where this schedule may need to be adjusted along the way.

Saturday, 06 April 2024

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Check-in begins; bunk assignments, unpack, etc.
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm AE activities, breaks, networking
5:30 pm – Dinner
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm AE activities, social/personal time
10:00 pm - Lights Out

Sunday, 07 April 2024

8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am – 12:00 pm AE Technician in a Day Class or AE activities
12:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm AE Technician in a Day Class or AE activities

5:30 pm – Dinner
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm AE activities, social/personal time
10:00 pm - Lights Out

Monday, 08 April 2024

7:00 am Breakfast
8:00 am – 6:00 pm Depart for Tyler, Lunch, Observe Eclipse, Return to Nacogdoches
6:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm AE activities, social/personal time
10:00 pm - Lights Out

Tuesday, 09 April 2024

8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am – 12:00 pm Wrap up any AE activities, clean, pack, depart for home

F. Bad Weather Backup Plan for Eclipse Observation Day

In case there is poor weather and poor/no visibility on the day of the eclipse, participants will stay at the Texas Wing Headquarters in Nacogdoches where AE additional activities can be utilized. Participants are allowed to return home sooner if they choose to in the event of bad weather.

It is recommended that all participants review the weather forecast for Tyler, Texas by 04 April 2024 for their own planning purposes. If a participant has registered, but needs to cancel, it is recommended that they contact one of the Project Officers for notification. The last day for a full refund of the registration fee (\$25) due to cancellation is 31 March 2024. If a participant cancels after 31 March 2024, they will forfeit their entire registration fee.