

# Santa Barbara Airport Tour Program Guide



## Aviation Education Opportunities

The Santa Barbara Airport's Tour Program was instituted in 1988 when it served 100 visitors. Today, the Airport's Aviation Education Programs reach more than 7,500 local students each year.

The Airport is pleased to offer comprehensive tours for children and adults at no charge. Types of tours vary and are based on individual requests.



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**A**irport Tours are guided by Tim Lawton, Airport Community Education Liaison, who provides presentations and hands-on experiences with aviation displays and exhibits. Tours are available to schools, youth organizations, community groups with special needs and business organizations.

**Tours for students** are age and grade level adjusted to focus on curriculum

studies in math and science. Demonstrations on how these subjects relate to aviation are available to teachers on a special request basis.

**Each tour is designed** to accommodate the interests, learning abilities and physical needs of the group. Tours can highlight a wide range of aviation topics from aircraft design and flight instruction to weather forecasting and air traffic control.

**Additionally, tours can provide interesting information about wetland ecology** based on Goleta Slough species or the history of aviation for the region and beyond.

**Tours begin at the Visitor's Center**, home of Little Spirit, a pint-sized airplane built for small children complete with a two-seat cockpit and pilot headsets. Tours are offered Tuesday through Thursday between 9 am & 4 pm by reservation only. Two weeks advance notice is suggested, for more information call 964.7622.

## Santa Barbara Airport Aviation Education:

*Isla Vista Elementary School Adopt-A-School Partner Since 1991*

- **Teacher Resource Center** - library of aviation books, materials and videos are available to local educators at the Visitor's Center.
- **Future Flyers Program** - an annual six week 'flight school' with instruction by local aviation experts for sixth graders.
- **Math & Science Fairs** - the Airport participates at local schools with displays and information.
- **Career Days** - the Airport's Community Education Liaison visits school events and provides information on careers in aviation.

## Airport Features

- **SBA is a small hub airport** with 180,000 annual aircraft operations of commercial and general aviation flights.
- **Five commercial airlines** serve nine major non-stop cities and over 200 one-stop destinations.
- **Main runway 7-25** is 6,054' long and two parallel general aviation runways 33-15 L & 33-15R are ~4,000' long.
- **194 Santa Barbara based private aircraft** valued at more than \$150,000 million are served by two fixed-base operators and thirty aviation service companies.
- **Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Station** - the largest fire and rescue truck in the City of Santa Barbara.
- **954 acres of Airport property** - over 100 acres is devoted industrial/commercial use with 76 buildings leased to 120 tenants.
- **Goleta Slough Ecological Reserve** - the Airport is steward of 425 acres of protected wetland habitat located adjacent to the airfield.
- **Airline Terminal Building** - get a behind the scenes look at airline passenger and freight operations. Subject to security requirements.
- **The Visitor's Center** - has a Smithsonian Institute replica of an inter-active radio controlled Wind Tunnel that demonstrates the four forces of flight.



# Airport Visitor's Center

45 Hartley Place, Santa Barbara, CA 93117

The Santa Barbara Airport is owned and operated by the City of Santa Barbara. It is completely self-supporting and debt-free with funds generated from user fees and tenant rents. No local tax dollars are used in the operation, maintenance or capital improvement of the Airport. As a vital economic contributor to the area the Airport has an annual impact of more than a half billion dollars.

To make a tour reservation or obtain aviation education information, please contact:

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