

The 2017 Texada AeroSpace Camp

There is immense interest in aviation in Canada. There always has been, for that matter.

The recent growth in the production of commercial, recreational and private aircraft is phenomenal. The statistics for sales in the last few years indicate that half of all private aircraft purchases in the USA are now homebuilt aircraft of various classifications. In Canada the ratio is similar.

Recent growth in general aviation, not to mention commercial and military aerospace industry has increased employment opportunities. Even with cutbacks, strikes and occasional economic upheavals, the aerospace industry has been continuously been clamoring for pilots, technical staff, administrative and service personnel of all stripes. Military and commercial, private and recreational fields all need very informed and precisely trained individuals.

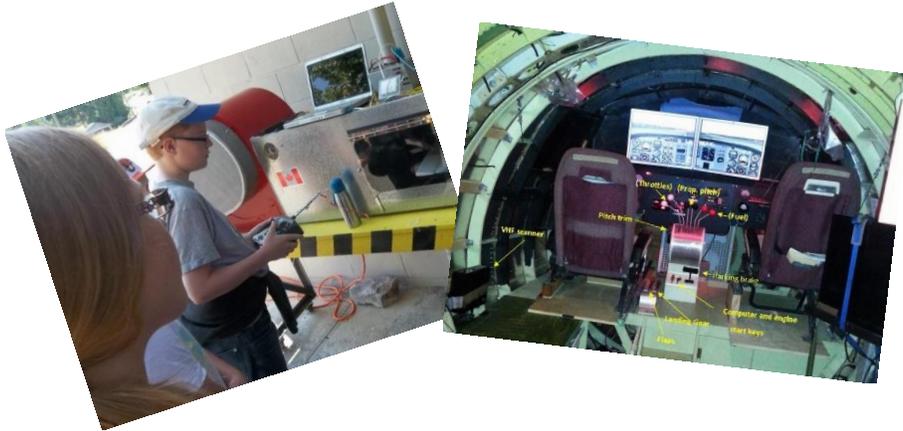
It has to do with education. But, in many cases, today's kids do not know about these fields, and are not given the opportunities, information or any hands on experience to see that they can be involved in the aerospace industries.



TASC's goal is to allow youth such an advantage. They need to experience the activity, not just be shown or told about it.

How does the Texada AeroSpace Camp get its goal achieved?

- First, it has to provide an opportunity for youth to see and experience some basic, interesting facts and activities related to aviation and aerospace science and technology.
- In order to do this, a space, personnel and materials are required. We all need to contribute to this. Part of this is through contributions from organizations and individuals, some from the enrollment fees.
- Volunteer personnel are required to supervise, and guide the youth through the experience.
- Finally, the youth are acknowledged and rewarded for the time, energy and drive to attend this camp.



- The parents and or guardians are also acknowledged, as are the various sponsors, Texada Arts, Culture and Tourism Society and the volunteers who have given their time and expertise to the Camp.

Notes about the Texada AeroSpace Camp (TASC)

TASC does not foster military aviation, nor does it approach the flight simulator, rocket launching, or any part of the program as entertainment (as gaming). The learning process is meant to be interactive, informative and inspirational.

The use of the specialized tools for aircraft structures, electronics and flight instruction is supervised by experienced technicians. The goals to be met are not necessarily for the student's proficiency, but rather to involve the students and



show them that they can be inspired.

Having fun at the Camp is a sign of the student's acceptance of the inspiration, knowledge and skills they have gained. That is the true test of success.

