

# **STUDENT ORIENTATION KIT**

Welcome! As a new member of LESC, you have either just taken your initial orientation flight or are anticipating taking it shortly which will begin you on your journey to discovering the “Joy of Soaring”.

Enclosed in this orientation packet are your logbook (bring it with you every time you fly, your instructor will fill it out), a laminated runway designation layout, laminated takeoff and landing checklists as well as a laminated pre-flight checklist. You’ll use all of the laminated items in your flight training, so please be sure to also bring them with you every time you fly.

Flight training from first flight to solo typically takes from 25 to 30 flights for the average student. Some accomplish it in a little less, some very excellent pilots take a few more. Licensed power pilots may complete a transition course in many fewer flights, please see your instructor to discuss your options.

Please plan on flying once per day. You will find, especially in initial instruction, that learning to fly will take a lot of concentration and you will not typically benefit from several flights a day (sometimes you will do several pattern tows in one lesson however). You can fly every day LESC is open, or once a week, twice a month or whatever your schedule and desires dictate.

We currently have four instructors on staff at LESC, one available on Wednesdays and Fridays and typically two available each day on the weekend. To schedule instruction time, simply schedule one of the training 2-33’s and an instructor in the flight log in the clubhouse. You may also call the clubhouse during operating hours (Sat./Sun./Wed./Fri. - 10am to the close of the soaring day). Phone numbers are listed in the enclosed LESC flyer.

You will need to purchase **Glider Basics, From First Flight To Solo** to begin your soaring career. Shortly thereafter, you should also plan on purchasing the **Soaring Flight Manual**. Each has appropriate information and self tests you should complete. Please feel free to discuss any questions you may have with your flight instructor. These manuals are available for purchase in the LESC clubhouse, or directly from the SSA.

As you approach solo, you will also need to purchase **After Solo**, which is also available in the clubhouse or from the SSA. You’ll then be on your way to obtaining your SSA A,B,C and Bronze badges as well as working on your Private Pilot-Glider rating. Please see your instructor for more details regarding these important milestones in your soaring career.

It may seem overwhelming at first, but soon you will discover how truly easy it is to fly gliders and will enjoy your time as a student pilot. Again, we welcome you aboard as an LESC club member and look forward to flying with you in the future.