

Letter of Introduction to Prospective Students

Dear Prospective Aeronaut:

In operation since 1975, Adventure Flights' FAA Certified Part 141 #QJBV584K, pilot training school, is one of the oldest and most experienced balloon flight companies in the U.S., having trained hundreds of students. Pilot and instructor training requirements are indicated under Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR's) Part 61 and Part 141, with most pilot training conducted under Part 61 of the FAR's. Only a few balloon pilot schools in the U.S. have undergone the stringent requirements and been certified by the FAA to conduct pilot training under FAA Part 141. Adventure Flights is proud to be one of these Part 141 schools.

Among the advantages of Part 141 training is that students can receive their pilot's license or add-on rating in far less time than it normally takes under Part 61. For example, the commercial pilot rating can be obtained in as little as 18 flight hours under Part 141, instead of the 35+ flight hours required under Part 61. The Part 141 course is concentrated and approximately 95% of our students earn their license in one to two weeks, weather permitting. Our Chief Pilot has over 6,000 hours in balloons, Airships (blimps), Gas Balloons, Airplanes, Helicopters, Gliders and other aircraft. Adventure Flights is pleased to offer a variety of Advance Training Courses for those who have earned an LTA rating and want to take their training further.

Our location, chosen for its excellent terrain and favorable year 'round weather conditions, is ideal for ballooning pilot training. The Part 141 training program is most often selected by the pilot or student interested in quickly earning an add-on rating or immediately pursuing commercial ballooning and would like to receive the highest standard of balloon pilot training. For students wishing to train at a slower pace, a training plan can be tailored to meet their specific needs.

Specializing in commercial ballooning and add-on ratings, Adventure Flights has trained many FAA Inspectors and Designated Pilot Examiners and has helped set up many successful commercial balloon operations throughout the United States and the world. Our consultants are available to guide you through the process of organizing and maintaining a successful commercial balloon operation. Adventure Flights operates its own on-site FAA Certified Repair Station #QJBR584K and we stock many new and used hot air balloon systems available for immediate purchase. Financing is available for flight training as well as hot air balloon systems.

All instruction received is individual. We welcome the participation of family and friends who can be learning to crew and chase while the student is learning to fly. Discounts are available for groups, students with previous experience, those who provide their own crew or balloon and for those who purchase both courses in advance.

Welcome to the magical, incredibly colorful world of Hot Air Ballooning! Hope to see you soon!