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Report



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## The 99<sup>th</sup> Squadron, Inc.

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The 99th Squadron is a 501(c)(3) that primarily serves Brevard County through an array of activities and opportunities that expose our local youth to aviation.

The organization started in 2020 by kicking off a FREE Annual 5-week curriculum, which scratches the surface of major topics one would study to become a pilot. The students that enter this program become benefactors in our Continuing Education Initiative, as they will constantly receive FREE invitations to other activities spread throughout their coming years until they graduate from high school. Students of the curriculum can enter as early as 6th grade.

Activities for curriculum grads range from discovery flights and facility tours (Blue Origin, JetBlue, etc.) to airshows and virtual courses, all FREE of charge. The org has also gained admission for its students into sponsored flight training programs, including an annual Solo Flight Academy in Houston, and summer programs with FIT Aviation (Florida Tech).

In addition to its ever-growing cohort, The 99th also provides programming for existing organizations of students with STEM interest, most recently providing flights, tours, and ground exercises for Jack and Jill of America, AMI Kids, the Alternative Learning Centers, the D.O.C.K. and Eckerd Connect. Board Members have appeared as guest speakers to promote aviation and engineering throughout Brevard Public Schools.

Each year, The 99th compiles flight footage into annual videos, a series entitled "[StarScream](#)", which originally began in 2013 from its Founder, Ramone Hemphill.

The 99th Squadron has been recognized by various organizations, most notably the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) in 2023. Recent awards listed below...

- Brigadier Gen. Charles McGee Aviation Inspiration Award (AOPA)
- Volunteer Recognition Awards (Florida Today)
- Humanitarian of the Year (Space Coast Black Chamber)
- Community Leadership Award (HUAMI Magazine)
- Space Coast Community Hero (Melbourne Regional Chamber)

Check out our monthly log of activities at [The99th.org/flight-log](https://The99th.org/flight-log).