SIU Carbondale has been in the business of training pilots since 1960. The Aviation Flight program currently operates a fleet of 38 Cessna and Piper aircraft at the Southern Illinois Airport, situated between Carbondale and Murphysboro on IL Rt. 13. Training in the program leads to FAA certification as an instrument-rated commercial pilot in both single- and multi-engine aircraft. The program is nationally recognized as one of the best collegiate flight training programs in the country. The award-winning Flying Salukis, SIU Carbondale's National Intercolligate Flying Association precision flying team, have won their regional competitions and the regional Top Pilot spot every year since 2010. Additionally, the team has placed in the top three at the national SAFECON ten times since 2010, bringing home the National Championship trophy in 2011, 2014, and 2015. The 2016 and 2019 NIFA Top Pilots were SIU Carbondale Aviation Flight students.

In addition to excellent flight instruction, campers will have an enjoyable time visiting SIU Carbondale. Campers will have access to numerous recreational facilities that are available at the University Recreational Center. These activities include swimming, basketball, volleyball, exercise rooms, bowling, billiards and a video game room. Organized social activities are planned and all campers are supervised by camp staff on a 24-hour basis.

You may obtain more information and register via credit card at our website: https://conferenceservices.siu.edu/camps-youth-programs/. Remember - the camp is limited to eight (8) campers and registration will be on a first to register basis.
Southern Illinois University Summer Wings Aviation Camp - Summer 2024

The Department of Aviation Management and Flight at Southern Illinois University Carbondale offers Summer Wings, a week-long aviation camp designed to give interested high school students an opportunity to experience first-hand the thrill of flight.

Summer Wings offers students the chance to explore a career as a pilot by providing ground and flight training similar to the training that SIU Carbondale flight students undergo. Participants will attend ground school classes, fly university flight training devices and aircraft (weather permitting), and enjoy evening activities on campus.

Participants will spend a week at the Southern Illinois Airport learning the basics of flight including:

- History of flight
- Aerodynamics
- Aircraft performance
- Weight and balance
- Aviation weather reports
- Preflight aircraft inspection
- Radio procedures

All flights will be conducted under the strict supervision of the Department of Aviation Management and Flight faculty members. Full and part time instructors regularly employed by the University will staff the Summer Wings Program. The commuter fee includes one (1) evening meal, four (4) lunches (Monday-Thursday), souvenir polo shirt, limited accident medical camper coverage, and all flight instruction. Included in the resident fee is all the above and supervised evening activities, all meals (Sunday dinner-Friday breakfast), and five (5) nights lodging in a university residence hall, which is air-conditioned. Campers will enjoy excellent housing accommodations with two campers per room. Resident campers may choose their roommate.

The Camp Director is Kenneth Wilkins. He may be contacted at 618-453-9216 and kenneth@siu.edu.

To register, call 618-536-7751, fax registration forms to 618-453-5680, or register online at conferenceservices.siu.edu.

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