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## USAFA Aero Club – Discovery Flights and PCSM

We do offer introductory flights, which we call "Discovery Flights". We fly quite a few of these, and have seen anecdotally in recent years that perhaps 95% of the individuals who take them decide to pursue flight training here. The cost is \$185.00 for one (1) hour of flight time and one (1) hour of ground instruction before and after the flight. And that time can indeed be logged in one's logbook (we sell them for \$15.00, if a student does not have one) toward the 40 hour minimum required by the FAA for the private pilot license (PPL).

"Discovery Flights" are in either a Cessna C-172 aircraft, a T-41C (the military version of the C-172) or a Cessna C-182 aircraft. We fly seven (7) days a week – weather and winds permitting – with 3-hour time slots starting at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, and in summer 4:00 pm.

We do allow for an additional person or persons sitting in the rear seat for "Discovery Flights" if you wish, as sometimes a parent, grandparent, sibling, or child likes to ride along. The charge for a flight with the additional passenger(s) is \$225.00.

We do see some individuals take more than one Discovery Flight, perhaps to make sure before beginning a PPL training program. In addition, USAFA cadets can apply Discovery Flight hours toward their PCSM time. Many USAFA cadets schedule to fly and build PCSM (Pilot Candidate Selection Method) hours, prior to UPT (USAF Undergraduate Pilot Training). Some cadets acquire as many as 10 or 20 flight hours (FH), and some as few as 2-4 FH, so as to make themselves more competitive for the pilot selection boards for UPT.

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