

Event Information
4th Annual Aerospace Career Fair
Laconia Airport, Gilford, NH
Date: Thursday, 1 October 2026
Time: Students 8:30AM – 12PM; General Public 11AM – 1PM
Co-Sponsored by: WinnAero, Laconia Airport, Sky Bright Aviation

Career Fair Goals

The goals of the Aerospace Career Fair are to:

- Bring NH schools, the Lakes Region Community and aerospace companies and organizations together to meet and get to know each other, and
- Provide local companies and those companies who frequent the airport, an opportunity to let the public know the types of skills their companies require and which positions are/or projected to be available within their organizations.

Justification

A quick scan of the newspaper each day shows numerous job openings in STEM fields. Many of these are with companies that produce aerospace components or provide services to the aerospace industry. It has been estimated that Laconia Airport alone provides a \$55 million annual economic benefit to the Lakes Region. This does not take into account all the small and midsized manufacturers making components for aircraft and spacecraft.

The Aerospace Career Fair will be open to all New Hampshire middle and high schools from 8:30-12:00 and then open to the general public from 11:00-1:00 pm. Both students and residents will become aware of the many well-paying jobs in our region and with those organizations using the airport who have a national reach. This event will provide an opportunity for your company to reach those individuals who may need employment today and those not looking for employment today but soon will be after high school graduation. The Aerospace Career Fair also benefits the WinnAero Aerospace Career Education Academies each summer at Laconia Airport. (See the document: WinnAero ACE Academies by the Numbers)

Registration and Cost per Booth

Registration is online with an “Aerospace Career Fair” link on our webpage at <https://winnaero.org/>. The price of a booth for companies wishing to exhibit is \$200. This includes a 10’ x 10’ pipe and drape booth, 1 table, 2 chairs and access to an exhibitor lounge with coffee, tea, water, and snacks. Non-profit organizations should contact Dan Caron at dan.caron@winnaero.org for special pricing.

Student Participants

During the 2025 Aerospace Career Fair, we welcomed over 180 students from 8 schools, a number of homeschoolers and some college students. We plan to send out three reminders to the schools and we will update the companies and organizations who have expressed a desire to participate.

Types of exhibits

The purpose of this event is to allow Aerospace companies and organizations to make students and the public aware of the careers and jobs available in this region and beyond. Exhibitors should feel free to display product, handout career information, distribute “swag” and be prepared to speak about their staffing needs and the desired skill sets that future employees should be able to demonstrate. Salaries, benefits, educational and advancement opportunities are all open topics for table displays.

Basing this event at Laconia Airport will allow static aircraft exhibits on the ramp. Exhibitors with air and ground vehicles will be allowed to setup a table display near their vehicle(s) on the ramp or, if desired, we will set aside a space in the hangar. While most schools depart by 11:30, we are open to the general public until 1pm. Community members have been participating the last few years with resumes in hand and exhibitors should plan to stay until closing.

Facilities

Laconia Airport Ramp: There is plenty of space on the ramp for the aircraft and ground vehicles that are planning to be part of the exhibit. The space between the Sky Bright hangar and the terminal will be filled first and then space in front of the terminal will be used if necessary.

Sky Bright hangar: This hangar is in the process of renovation for aircraft storage and educational activities. Aircraft will be moved from the hangar to allow booth spaces for up to 36 exhibitors. Booths will be 10’ x 10’ and will include pipe and drape, an 8’ table and 2 chairs.

Electricity for Booth Spaces

Electricity will be available at no charge. Be sure to indicate your need for electricity so you can be assigned a booth along the perimeter of the hangar. We will have a number of extension cords, however, please bring one if you have it, just in case.

Sponsorships & Advertising

Please see the [linked document](#).

Unloading your Exhibit and Parking

The Sky Bright hangar you will exhibit in is the hangar just before the terminal building on Aviation Way. As you drive down Aviation Way, Gate N will be open and you may park near the Sky Bright Hangar. CAP cadets and WinnAero Board members will be on hand to help with parking, unloading, etc. School buses will be parking in this area as well. There is additional exhibitor parking behind the Sky Bright hangar. If you need assistance parking aircraft, communicate with Sky Bright on your way into the air field and they will help marshal your aircraft to the correct spot.

Exhibitor Lounge

A lobby space in the northeast corner of the hangar will be set aside as a spot for exhibitors to take a break, communicate with their office, etc. Breakfast snacks, water, coffee and tea will be available here. A restroom is also in this area.

Food Truck

The Beans and Greens Food Truck has agreed to participate. They will be parked in the lot on the side of the hangar.

Program Sheet/Map for Student/Community

A list of exhibitors and a location map will be supplied to students and the public as they arrive. Students will be encouraged to have their sheet stamped by each exhibitor they speak to and turn it in for a chance to win an introductory flight opportunity by one of our FBO's. Stamps and ink pads will be supplied to exhibitors. Twelve to fifteen public, private and homeschool groups are expected to attend this event.

Donations, may be sent to:

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If you have any questions concerning this event, please contact Dan Caron, WinnAero Education Director at: education@winnaero.org.