

Commercial Airline Travel Tips

Post 352 from Mesa, Arizona has been traveling to the Aviation Exploration Base for many years. Their advisor, Stephen Sloan, provided these tips for commercial air travel to Oshkosh.

- I recommend flying into either Milwaukee or Appleton.
- If you fly into Appleton, you can catch a shuttle bus every few hours to Oshkosh, but it will not drop you directly at base camp. Additionally, not all airlines fly into Appleton at this time. It is about a 45-minute bus ride.
- If you fly into Milwaukee, you will have to arrange your own shuttle transportation to Oshkosh (van or bus). If you charter a bus with Kobussen Buses, they will drop you off and pick you up directly at camp. It is about an hour and a half bus ride.
 - AEB Camp address is 1198 Civil Air Patrol Avenue (Cap Ave. on some maps), Oshkosh, WI 54902
- Flights should be booked far in advance because most flights into the area are completely sold out. You can book as one group or have people book individually, but booking as a group makes it easier to ensure you all make it on the same flight. Groups with over 10 people can qualify for group travel on most airlines. Post 352 in Mesa books their travel in February–March.
- If one person is arranging the travel for the group, I recommend they acquire everyone's legal first and last names, date of birth, and contact information if they don't have it already. This will allow them to book travel on their behalf.
- You should plan to pack all of your camping gear, clothes, toiletries, etc. into 2 checked bags, 1 carry-on, and 1 personal item. You technically can mail in your camping gear ahead of time, but it is logistically more difficult and requires coordination with base camp. For this reason, we recommend Explorers minimize the amount of gear they bring (i.e. a small tent instead of large tent, a sleeping pad instead of a cot, etc.).