



**Subject:** Explore the World of Aviation at the Rifle Garfield County Airport

Dear Garfield County Schools and Residents,

We are excited to invite students of all ages to discover the fascinating world of aviation right here at the Rifle Garfield County Airport! Over the years, we have thoroughly enjoyed hosting school field trips and inspiring curiosity about aviation, and we are thrilled to continue the tradition.

This year, we have designated **Thursday, April 23rd** as a special day for school field trips. It's a wonderful opportunity for students to learn more about aviation and see what makes an airport tick.

**Field Trip Highlights:**

- Presentations in a **commercial sized hangar** to see where aircraft are maintained.
- A demonstration of an **airport fire vehicle** in action.
- A presentation from the **Center of Excellence** about aerial firefighting.
- A chance to see various **aircraft up close**—on the ground and possibly in the air.

**Event Details:**

- **Date:** Thursday, April 23, 2026
- **Time:** 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM – This year the event is Open House Style where you can roam as you please; spend as much time at a station as you wish.
- **Location:** Rifle Garfield County Airport

**What to Bring:**

Students are welcome to bring a sack lunch, a water bottle, and something to sit on while they enjoy the activities.

If your school/group would like to participate, please RSVP to **Stephanie Jarvis** at **970-625-1091 ext. 4117** or email [sjarvis@garfieldcountyco.gov](mailto:sjarvis@garfieldcountyco.gov) by **Thursday, April 16th**. Be sure to include the number of students attending, your contact information, and your school's name.

Once you RSVP, we will send additional details, including parking information, weather updates, and a small airport gift.

We look forward to hosting your group for an engaging day of learning about aviation!

Sincerely,  
Sam Carver, IAP, CM  
Rifle Garfield County Airport Director