Pilot Training Checklist

Advance Planning

⇒ Physical criteria (age, height, weight, mobility, strength).

⇒ Medical criteria (valid flight medical certificate).

⇒ Pilot license (minimum FAA PPL or foreign equivalent).

⇒ Preliminary schedule availability discussion with Starfighters.

~ Three Weeks Out

⇒ NASA security paperwork for Kennedy Space Center (KSC) access (takes ~1 week for US pilots, ~3 weeks for non-US).

⇒ Non-US pilots must register on FAA's IACRA (*Integrated Airman Certification and Rating Application*).

⇒ 30% non-refundable deposit to secure scheduled training date.

~ Training Week

⇒ Non-refundable balance due five business days prior to training date.

⇒ Trainee arrival - Closest airports are Orlando International Airport (MCO), Melbourne International Airport (MLB), and Sanford International Airport (SFB).

⇒ Trainees are responsible for their own local transportation and lodging. (We provide lunch at KSC's Launch Complex 39 Industrial Area on both training days.)

⇒ The training and aircraft familiarization duration is 2 days — 4 days to allow backup flight opportunities if bad weather or space launch/landing activity prevents Day 2 flight, or if multiple flights are planned.

⇒ Trainee family/guests aged over 18 may attend on Day 2 but must complete the same security paperwork listed above. They must also dress appropriately, with long pants and closed-toe shoes.

⇒ No personal photography is allowed. We will provide photos, and can produce a short in-cockpit video for an additional cost.

⇒ Non-US pilot license and medical certificate must be reviewed/approved in-person by an FAA Examiner (we organize this for the day prior to training).

Day 1 Training

⇒ We meet at NASA's KSC Badging Facility at ~9:00 a.m. Two forms of identification are required, including passport for non-US pilots. Proper clothing is also required, including long pants and closed-toe shoes.

⇒ Syllabus-based training for Day 1, ending at ~4:00 p.m.

Day 2 Training and Flight Operations

⇒ We must escort any guests after they receive access approval at the KSC Badging Facility.

⇒ Day 2 training resumes at ~8:00 a.m.

⇒ An 'informed consent' liability waiver agreement must be signed prior to flight operations.

⇒ Flight suit, boots and other flight garments/gear are provided by Starfighters.

⇒ Review flight plans and proceed to aircraft inspection as it is being fueled and prepared for flight operations.

⇒ Flight duration is 35-45 minutes, ending by ~1:00 p.m. Additional same-day flight possible.

Day 3 and/or 4 Flight Operations

⇒ Available for weather/launch/landing backup or additional training flights.

⇒ If weather or operational delays persist, later dates will be made available at no additional price.