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## 2023 Fly Kansas Air Tour schedule announced

**Topeka** - The Kansas Department of Transportation's Division of Aviation is partnering with the Kansas Commission on Aerospace Education (KCAE) to host the Fly Kansas Air Tour from Thursday, Oct. 5, to Saturday, Oct. 7.

"The Fly Kansas Air Tour brings airplanes within reach for over 1,000 children in only three days - an experience we hope many will look back on as their first step into aviation," said Bob Brock, KDOT Director of Aviation. "Kansas maintains thousands of aviation jobs, and an interest in the industry could lead them to exciting aviation career opportunities in the future."

Over 50 pilots and corporate sponsors have already registered to fly the Air Tour this year, visiting 10 communities across Kansas. The tour includes presentations related to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) as well as the new jobs and economic growth that aviation industries bring to rural Kansas communities. Highlights for this year include opportunities for students to learn from pilots, attend community events and view aircraft participating in the tour.

Stops include the following airports:

**Day 1 (Oct. 5):** Goodland, 10 a.m.–10:40 a.m.; Colby, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.; Scott City, 1:15 p.m. –2:30 p.m.; Dodge City, 3:30 p.m.–8 p.m.

**Day 2 (Oct. 6):** Great Bend, 9:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m.; Wellington, noon–2:15 p.m.; Hutchinson 3 p.m.–4 p.m.; Salina, 5 p.m.–8 p.m.

**Day 3 (Oct. 7):** Emporia, 10 a.m.–11 a.m.; and a final stop at Topeka Regional, 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

For more information, visit the Fly Kansas Air Tour page at <u>https://airkansas.ksdot.gov/</u>.

(Map below shows the air tour stops.)

Laura Kelly, Governor

## **2023 FLY KANSAS AIR TOUR**



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