

Hello Team SAR!

Plans are moving forward for our trip to Nationals! As you know, Nationals are being held at AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI. This is a huge event! Check out the AirVenture 2021 webpage is <https://www.eaa.org/airventure>; the Schedule of activities is not yet populated (updates will start ini June). We will be one of 8 UAS4STEM teams in the competition.

Because this is such a huge event, we need t make our plans NOW! We need a firm commitment this week on who is going. Please discuss this with your parents and let me know by this Friday 5/14 if you are planning on participating! To help you decide, Beth has done a ton of research and put together a preliminary travel plan. Please share this with your parents. If you have any questions, you can email me or we can discuss at the next post meeting on Wednesday.

The decision...

At the most recent uas4stem mentor's meeting Archie said that if we arrive at the event entrance by 0730 each morning, we should not have to wait to get in. With that thought in mind, Beth has booked an air bb house for our stay. Beth compared the cost of driving vs flying and found the cost to be similar. Since driving is really a two day trip each way, we have decided it would be better to fly.

The Plan...

- Itinerary (7/27-8/1)
 - 7/27 (Tues): Travel to Oshkosh
 - 7/28 (Wed): Check out the competition field and practice flying if possible
 - 7/29 (Thu): Competition Day 1 of 2 and AirVenture activities
 - 7/30 (Fri): Competition Day 2 of 2 and AirVenture activities
 - 7/31 (Sat): Airventure activities
 - 8/1 (Sun): Travel to Home
- Lodging: Reservation has been made for [an AirBnB house](#) that is 7 miles NW of Wittman Regional Airport (AirVenture location)
- Transportation: Fly from D.C. area (BWI, DCA, or IAD) to Milwaukee (MKE) and rent two cars for driving to (and within) Oshkosh
- Cost: \$1,200-\$1,500 per person (including airplane tickets, rental cars, lodging, and food)
- NOTE: This estimate is based on 4 adults (Bob, David's father, Beth, Tom) and 4 students (Visesh, Muhammed, David, and Nathan)

We are looking into getting a sponsor to help offset the costs, but we cannot count on that. bob has suggested that we may be able to do some fund raisers between now and the competition...

Tom and Beth

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