



## TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR STAFF REPORT

**AGENDA TITLE:** Civil Air Patrol, “Mission To Mars” Summer Camps  
**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019  
**PREPARED BY:** Marc R. Lamb, Aviation & Community Services Manager  
**REPRESENTED BY:** Ken & Rolann Aronson, Program Founders & Camp Directors

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** This evening’s presentation is an update to the Truckee Tahoe Airport District’s (TTAD) Board of Directors on the Civil Air Patrol’s (CAP) “Mission To Mars” summer camp program. Program Founders and Camp Directors Ken & Rolann Aronson will be presenting the annual program update. No Board action is required at this time.

**DISCUSSION:** Each summer the Civil Air Patrol, under the leadership of Ken & Rolann Aronson and their volunteers put on a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education “Mission To Mars” summer camp program. The events are held at the Truckee Tahoe Airport. The program is focused on youth between the ages of 8 to 13.

The first “Mission To Mars” was a single week-long summer camp in 2011 with nine youth in attendance. The program has since grown this past summer to three week-long (Monday – Saturday) camps ending in Young Eagles flights with 12 youth per camp. Students pay \$150 each to enroll in the summer camp program.

Many organizations come together in support of this great aviation and STEM event:

- **Civil Air Patrol**, provided guest speakers and volunteers.
- **Truckee Donner Rec and Parks**, managed program marketing, registration, fee collection, and the perpetual wait list.
- **TTAD**, provided staffing, airfield transportation, facility space (board rooms, hangar and airfield space), annual program funding through the Community Sponsorship program (\$1,500 in 2019), and participant schwag bags, hats and T-Shirts.

- **Soar Truckee Tahoe** held educational tours at the glider port
- **Mid West Air Traffic Control**, held tower educational tours
- **EAA Young Eagles**, provided pilot volunteer youth flights
- **Rainier Heli Lift**, held educational firefighting KMAX helicopter tours
- **Community Volunteers**, 4-5 each per day

**WHAT'S NEXT:** TTAD and staff will continue supporting the CAP's STEM education "Mission To Mars" summer camp programs. A Civil Air Patrol representative will report to the Airport Board each fall with updates.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$1,500 per year in Community Sponsorship funding, one month's waived hangar rent (~\$1,500) to provide a space, schwag bags (~\$15 each) and TTAD staff time.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:** The Truckee Tahoe Airport District is recognized in program information flyers and on the registration website. During the summer camp, the TTAD Community Partner banner is being displayed. TTAD markets the program support in our standard media venues, when and where appropriate.

**SAMPLE MOTION(S):** No motion required

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Power Point with 2019 program pictures (7 slides)

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## MISSION TO MARS SUMMER CAMPS

By: Ken & Rolann Aronson, Program Founders & Camp Directors

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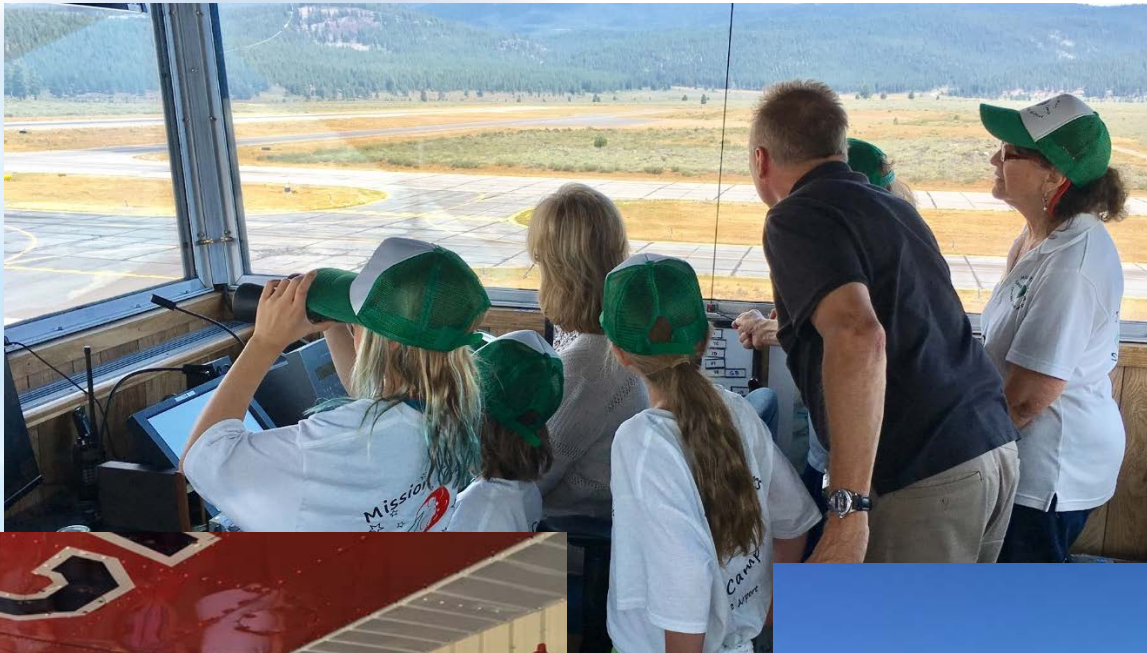




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