



DESERT EAGLE
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SPORTY'S ON LINE GROUND SCHOOL (Free) – How to register - 3/7/2020
(For Powered and Advanced Glider students only!)

To assure that you are fully prepared for the Academy, you are required to complete and pass the free Sporty's online private pilot knowledge course a minimum of two weeks **before** arriving at camp. (Details below.)

Sporty's is recognized as one of the best online courses in the business! It's free of charge to *any* cadet (under 18) who has completed his/her first o-ride. If you have not had an o-ride, get one scheduled right away! If you've passed the Sporty's course the EAA will refund, to you, the FAA Private Pilot written test fee, approximately \$160, once you've passed that exam.

We urge you to start the Sporty's course in May or early June. Last year, several cadets were disqualified from taking the FAA Private Pilot written exam, largely because they arrived at camp after a "rush job" on the Sporty's course. The point is that you need to learn the material – the paper diploma is for hanging on your wall – and useless in the air.

To sign-up for the course, obtain a free EAA student membership at the link below and continue through the subsequent steps:

Go to: <https://www.eaa.org/shop/Membership/Join.aspx>

- Click **Student** tab at *upper right*
- **Click Sign Up!** button near the bottom of the following page
- Fill in **New Member Details** blanks

Note: "**Activation Code**" box. If you received and retained such a code after your first O-ride, fill it in there. **If you don't have it:**

- Click check box at far left, "**I do not have my Activation code**"
- Fill in info for your first CAP o-ride where it asks about "**Young Eagles Flight.**" (The nearby "World's Largest Logbook" link may not have your info.)
- Click check box, below, "**I would like to sign up for Sporty's Learn to Fly Course (free)**"
- Click **final check box** just above blue line --*affirmation of your age.*
- Scroll down to click the **JOIN** button at bottom right of page

You should receive email instructions directly from Sporty's for starting the online course – perhaps within minutes – one or two days at most. If you do not, telephone Sporty's Customer Service, 513-735-9000.

Sporty's course has 23 hours of online programming – but **plan to spend twice that amount of time**, including quizzes, testing, review time and familiarization with course documents.

To take the course, you will need to purchase:

- Aviation map *plotter* (preferably the type with the rotating dial), \$11 - \$15 online, or from many local flight schools.
- Electronic flight computer. Desert Eagle staff recommends the Sporty's E6-B app for your pad or smart phone, \$9.99 – not the handheld device you see in Sporty's video.

NOTE: You can begin the course without the Plotter and E6-B Flight Computer app but at some point in the course you will need access to these tools.

To demonstrate course completion, Desert Eagle should receive a copy of your current Sporty's Certificate of Completion (PDF or medium resolution screen shot) and both final test scores by July 2, 2020. We would also request that you send us a copy of the missed question list provided by Sporty's for both final exams, so that we can better customize the curriculum to your needs. This can be done by clicking on "Review Missed Questions" immediately after getting your final exam score, and taking a screen shot of all the abbreviated questions listed on the left margin – there may be more than one page to copy. Failing that, simply email your own list of those topics (E.G.: airspace, crosswind correction, VOR, etc.). Send all documentation to Registrar, Maj Mike Talley, DesertEagle@wawg.cap.gov

REPEATING: Make sure you've sent us your Sporty's documentation by end of day July 2. If you believe you may not make that deadline, please contact Registrar, Maj Mike Talley
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By taking the Sporty's course in advance, during your Desert Eagle ground school you will be able to focus on the technique and science of *flying*. This will make you a much better pilot and as a bonus, learning to fly should be considerably easier!

LET THE JOURNEY BEGIN!

