

## Aviation Explorers Post 2009 Aircraft Wash Guidelines

One of the requirements for Explorers to earn their Career Achievement Award is to wash at least one aircraft. Explorers are welcome to wash more, either for fun or to earn community service hours (which are also needed for the Career Achievement Award). We would welcome the help! To keep everything organized, we have some guidelines for washing aircraft.

### How it works:

1. Your post advisor will email prospective wash dates and times to the post. Email your post advisor back confirming a date that you would like to attend at least two days before a wash session. If he/she hasn't heard from anyone at least two days before an event, the event will be cancelled.
2. Your post advisor will send you a confirmation email with your date and time. *If you do not receive a confirmation email, the session is full.*
3. Explorers who are washing aircraft will meet **in the terminal** at the OSU Airport BEFORE the scheduled start time. An instructor/supervisor will meet you and escort you down to the wash bay.
4. That instructor/supervisor will stay with you and teach you how to properly wash and wax an aircraft. With three people, it can take anywhere from 1 - 3 hours per airplane, but can go longer if the aircraft is particularly filthy or you are not washing in an efficient manner.
5. After you are finished, you will be escorted back to the terminal where you are then free to go!
6. Your instructor/supervisor will log who was there, which aircraft was washed, and how long it took.

### Some notes:

1. Wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. You will get water, soap, wax, bugs, oil, and dirt on you. I promise.
2. Be on time. You will be left behind if you are not prompt.
3. The hangar is heated, so if it cold outside, we can shut the door and keep everyone warm. However, you should still dress for the weather.
4. Your post advisor will schedule Explorers for wash dates on a first come, first served basis.
5. The maximum allowed per date is three Explorers. Because of this, if you realize a session is full please **do not just show up**. It's not fair to the other Explorers, and it's not fair to the instructors who are giving you their time.

6. If you no-show your instructor/supervisor, your post advisor will hear about it and may not allow you to participate in any further washing sessions, which will make you ineligible for the Career Achievement Award.
7. If you are trying to get in touch with your advisor, you are most likely to receive a response during normal business hours, which are Monday-Friday 9 a.m-5 p.m. Emails will not be checked regularly over the weekend.

This may seem like a lot, but it's really not that complicated. If you have any questions, please contact your post advisor. Thank you!