4TH ANNUAL
WRIGHT DAY OF CELEBRATION

Join the celebration in Greenfield Village as we challenge you to run as fast as the first airplane and explore the rarely seen offices of Orville and Wilbur Wright, where the first flight was conceived. Delightfully immerse yourself in the stories of flight and family in the years that led to the historic first flight.

Greenfield Village admission required.

TODAY’S ACTIVITIES

Tour Wright Home and Wright Cycle Shop
Wright Home
The Wright Home presentation staff offers special tours of 7 Hawthorn St., including the second floor. Tours are offered throughout the day from 9:45 to 5:00. Gather at the front gate and proceed from there.

Cycle Shop
Join Curator of Historic Structures Jim Johnson for a tour and in-depth look at the Wright Cycle Shop, including the second floor. Tours will be offered at 11:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30. Meet across the street between Mrs. Cohen’s and Heinz House.

Problem Solvers Before Kitty Hawk
Wright Cycle Shop
In the machine shop, learn about innovators Wilbur and Orville Wright and machinist Charlie Taylor. Discover how they made their heavier-than-air flying machine.

Wind Tunnel Testing
Pavilion
Try your hand at a replica of the Wright brothers’ wind tunnel, which helped solve the mystery of flight.

Picnic with Wright Innovators
Village Green
12:30-1:30
Picnic with Orville, Wilbur and their sister, Katharine Wright. Enjoy conversation and stories that will spark your curiosity.

Village Green Activities
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All day
Can you run faster than the Wrights’ first flight? Try wing warping and running races.

Stop the Presses! Read All About It!
Printing Office, Liberty Craftworks
All day
One of the Wright brothers’ early business ventures was a printing office. Visit the Greenfield Village Printing Office, and take home a freshly printed telegram from the Wright brothers announcing the success of their first flight.

Examine the Flyer
Pavilion
All day
Take a close-up look at a 5-foot model of the 1903 Wright Flyer, built by Wright author Dale Whitford.

CELEBRATE
90 YEARS OF INSPIRATION

Members receive FREE ADMISSION to special exhibits like Star Trek: Exploring New Worlds and Towers of Tomorrow with LEGO® Bricks. PLUS UNLIMITED ADMISSION to the museum, village, traditional films at the Giant Screen and so much more.

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INSPIRED STORIES

How the Wright Home and Cycle Shop Came to Greenfield Village
Pavilion
10:45-11:15
Greenfield Village master presenter and Wright enthusiast Kirk Haas shows and tells how the Wright brothers' 1870 home and late-19th-century cycle shop were transplanted to Greenfield Village.

A Wright Fight with the Smithsonian
Pavilion
1:30-2:00
Check out the decades-long argument between Orville Wright and the Smithsonian Institution over who built the first airplane.

Katharine Wright-Haskell: Her Place, Her Story
Pavilion
3:50-4:15
An in-depth look at the Wright sister and her place in the family story of innovation.

Home from Kitty Hawk
Wright Home
11:00, 12:00, 1:45 and 3:00
Meet the Wright brothers and be transported in this 20-minute performance to the very moment in 1903 when Wilbur and Orville shared the news of the first flight with their sister, Katharine.

All programs and times are subject to change.