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L'ENVOL DES PIONNIERS PRESENTS "THE FAMILY WORKSHOP," AN EVENT DEDICATED TO CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS

L'Envol des Pionniers offers a workshop entirely dedicated to families. Every Wednesday, weekend, and during school holidays (all zones), young and old alike can become reporters covering the preparations for a historic event: the first commercial flight across the South Atlantic. The Family Workshop immerses visitors in the Toulouse-Montaudran aeronautical workshops in the heart of 1930. To succeed in their challenge, they will explore iconic locations such as the office of operations manager Didier Daurat and a real mail car. Independent of the L'Envol des Pionniers tour, this workshop aims to bring parents and children together for a fun experience as they discover the rich history of the Aéropostale on its historic grounds in Toulouse-Montaudran.

DISCOVER, LEARN, AND HAVE FUN AS A FAMILY



L'Envol des Pionniers invites children and adults (aged 6 and up) to take part in an immersive workshop for the **whole family**, set in the heart of the Aéropostale epic. Lasting one hour, the Family Workshop invites participants to play the role of "journalists for a day" covering the preparations **for the first commercial flight across the South Atlantic**.

To succeed in the challenge, young and old alike **will have to cooperate and carry out several missions**, just as the pioneers of the Aéropostale did before them (sorting mail, decoding telegrams, observing maps, transmitting Morse code,

completing puzzles, and studying plans), using tools and objects from the period.

Following in the footsteps of Jean Mermoz, *the first pilot to complete the first commercial flight to South America on May 13, 1930*, young and old alike will discover a large part of Toulouse's aeronautical history. Through a series of missions, they will learn about the many challenges these flying pioneers had to overcome to achieve this unprecedented crossing, as well as their unwavering commitment and courage.

A DIVE INTO THE HEART OF THE AÉROPOSTALE'S ICONIC LOCATIONS

on the historic grounds of the Aéropostale, L'Envol des Pionniers invites participants to discover the most iconic sites of Toulouse-Montaudran. At each site, young and old alike must complete various missions to make it possible to cross the South Atlantic by plane.

- **Discover the office of Operations Manager Didier Daurat**

Before starting work, the Aéropostale teams were summoned to the office of Chief Operating Officer Didier Daurat. An extraordinary character, he was responsible for making decisions to ensure the unfailing punctuality of the planes. His only motto was: "The mail must get through!" To get to know this iconic figure of Aéropostale and find out what project they will be working on, participants in the Family Workshop will begin their adventure in Didier Daurat's office, which has been completely reconstructed. They will then receive their instructions, just as the teams did in 1930. This moment will be an opportunity to "call the roll" and launch the families into the adventure.



- **Become a traveling postman during a total immersion in the mail car**



To prepare for their expedition, young and old alike will then visit **an authentic mail car from 1930**. During this stage, participants will be immersed in a mail train connecting Paris to Toulouse. As they wander around, they will relive the history of the traveling postal workers who sorted mail at night between 1845 and 1995 before delivering it to the Aéropostale pilots. At that time, postal workers had to sort more than 2,000 letters per hour! To experience this real race against time, participants in the Family Workshop **will be invited to try to sort a series of 40 envelopes in one minute**, all under the conditions of the time: the noise of the steam train, flickering lights,

etc.

- **Prepare the flight plan, the plane, and the pilot for the big departure**

The mail is ready to be shipped, and all that remains for the teams to do is prepare their press article for publication the next day. To do this, they will have various tasks to complete in the workshop: decoding telegrams, estimating arrival times, selecting the plane that will make the flight, and transmitting instructions to Spanish and African airfields. And of course, to immortalize the moment, a team souvenir photo will be a must! Props and costumes will be available for posing.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- **Ages 6 and up** (at least one adult per team, max. 4 people per team)
- **Date:** Wednesdays, weekends, and school holidays at 4 p.m.
- **Duration:** 1h
- **Price :** €7 per person for the workshop only / €13 for the workshop + admission ticket
- **Advance booking recommended:** [here](#)

ABOUT L'ENVOL DES PIONNIERS AND SEMECCEL

Dedicated to the early days of aviation, the creation of Lignes Aériennes Latécoère and Compagnie Générale Aéropostale, and the birth of Air France, L'Envol des Pionniers is located in Toulouse Montaudran, on the historic site from which Aéropostale planes departed for Africa and South America between 1918 and 1933. L'Envol des Pionniers brings to life this human adventure that contributed to the birth of civil aviation and made Toulouse one of the world capitals of aeronautics. L'Envol des Pionniers is a Toulouse Métropole facility, opened at the end of 2018 with the support of the Occitanie Pyrénées-Méditerranée Region and the ERDF, and with the participation of the Ministry of National Education and partners Altran, Ailes Anciennes de Toulouse, and INA.

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