



**At left:**  
TeenFlight students working on RV-12 kit.

**Below:**  
Mentors provide guidance.  
Photos courtesy John Deal



# TeenFlight program inspires B.C. students

When you ask a person involved in the aviation industry why they chose this line of work they inevitably tell you “because they love it.” It’s an exciting field. No matter what their involvement is, you feel the passion. Hence TeenFlight.

The program started in Oregon in 2009, and now the TeenFlight sensation has spread around the globe. The newest chapter in Campbell River, British Columbia has begun the journey of building a Vans RV-12. Mentored by a group of local pilots, the group of young people will be building the aircraft over the course of approximately two years – quite a commitment on everyone’s behalf!

The hope is that the RV will be sold when complete and the proceeds go towards yet another kit, maybe two, and then the program would begin anew.

Sealand Aviation is honoured to have TeenFlight Campbell River building their RV12 in its hangar. TeenFlight is a concept that has taken wings worldwide to address an identified shortage of skilled people within the field of aviation.

The concept is to purchase an aircraft kit for students to build under the direction and support of community mentors. The Campbell River program is the first Canadian TeenFlight program. It started with a few people from the local aviation community and a few people involved in education, but as the project is progressing, more and more people are getting involved: parents, friends, and community members.



TeenFlight students in Campbell River, B.C. are in the process of building a Vans RV-12.

Photo courtesy Natalie Crawshaw

The plane will take at least 1,000 hours to build. After the aircraft is completed and flown, it will be sold so the funds are

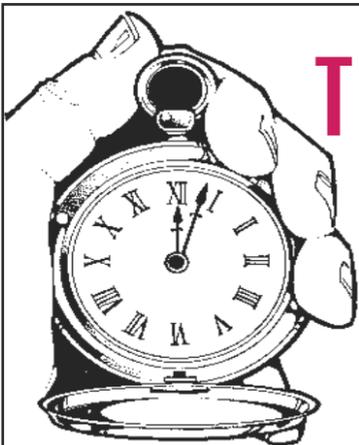
available to do it again.

Students learn about all aspects of the aviation field. The ultimate goal is to get students to

consider some aspect of aviation as a career.

If you would like any further information or to donate, please

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