Filing A Flight Plan

What is a flight plan?

 A flight plan is a proposed route of flight for a certain aircraft. It must be meet ATC requirements, fuel requirements, etc.

• How do I find a legit flight plan?

- There are multiple sources out there to find an FAA/ATC cleared route. One of my favorite resources is flightaware. To find a route between two city paris, go to that website and go to "Live Flight Tracking"-"Find a Flight" and search.
- After that, click on a flight and highlight the route and copy and paste it into Discord under #flightplan-submissions.

Do all aircraft need to file a flight plan?

 Legally speaking, no. All IFR aircraft though must be on a flight plan. A flight plan can be anything from a direct flight plan (smaller GA)

- aircraft) to a route that has SIDs and STARs.
- Legally speaking, aircraft flying VFR do not need to file a flight plan but can for search and rescue operations if they do happen to crash.

Do VFR aircraft need to file a flight plan in NAATC? IFR?

- Yes. Both type of aircraft need to file a flight plan in NAATC so the controllers can keep up with it.
- If a VFR aircraft is doing pattern work, just put call-sign, Origin and What you are doing.