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THE EAGLE'S WINGS

A NEWSLETTER FOR CHAPTER COORDINATORS AND FIELD REPRESENTATIVES OF EAA'S YOUNG EAGLES PROGRAM

GREETINGS

The 2009 flying season is off to a good start. We have been receiving many supply orders for upcoming Young Eagles events and the registration forms from some of the spring events are arriving in the office. Despite the "gloom and doom" over the economy, the economic situation does not appear to be having as big of an impact on our volunteers as anticipated. I know for many of you flying and this program are a part of your life and you make adjustments to allow you to continue doing something you believe is worthwhile, rewarding and fun. Your dedication and volunteer efforts are an inspiration to all. You are definitely the leaders we need in the field to encourage our Young Eagles volunteers. Thank you!

IYED 2009

Our 16th annual International Young Eagles Day is June 13, 2009. Annually, on the second Saturday of June, we set aside one day to encourage all EAA members to participate in the program. It's still not too late to plan an event on or close to that date to motivate your Chapter members to rally for a Young Eagles event. To help make your job as coordinator easier, we have several on line services. [Order supplies here](#); [file the insurance form](#); or add your event to [EAA's Calendar of Events](#). Need more information on organizing events? Check out the resources available on the [Volunteer section](#) of the Young Eagles web site.

SPORTY'S AND YOUNG EAGLES, TAKING "THE NEXT STEP"

If you haven't heard about the fantastic new offer from Sporty's, please take a minute to [check it out](#). Hal Shevers has stepped forward to allow Young Eagles access to Sporty's on line Complete Pilot Training course. As the name says, this is a complete course, which will prepare students to pass the tests required for a pilot certificate – written, oral and flight tests. The course utilizes streaming video to explain what a pilot does and why, in real world conditions. Using interactive demonstrations and 3-D animation, flight maneuvers are shown in a way that is easy to visualize and understand. There are no additional books or software

needed to buy. So how will Young Eagles take advantage of this offer? Following a Young Eagles flight, you will provide them with a logbook (also courtesy of Sporty's) and a unique access code. The Young Eagle simply enters the code on the Young Eagles web site (www.youneagles.org/sportys) and they are registered. So how do you get the logbooks and access codes? Just like other Young Eagle supplies, you can order [on line](#) or by phone. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the [frequently asked question](#) sheet about this new program so you can better answer questions from your volunteers, Young Eagles and their parents.

AWARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2009

The EAA Young Eagles program is successful because of the efforts of EAA member volunteers like you. There are opportunities to recognize those people who make significant contributions to the overall success of the Young Eagles program. EAA chapters and individual EAA members are encouraged to nominate outstanding Young Eagle volunteers for the following awards.

- Chapter Coordinator
- Field Representative
- Ground Support Volunteer
- Young Eagles Humanitarian (presented for efforts to reach special needs Young Eagles)
- Young Eagles Horizon award (recognizing efforts to go beyond the basic Young Eagles flight)

The nomination period is open through June 15, 2009. Nomination materials should include detailed descriptions of the accomplishments of the nominee, any relevant background information, and letters of recommendation from fellow EAA members. The 2009 awards will be presented at a special ceremony held during AirVenture at the museum's Eagle Hangar on Wednesday, July 29, 2009. You can [download the official nomination form](#).

...AND SPEAKING OF EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2009

Yes, it is that time of year. In less than 66 days, EAA AirVenture Oshkosh will be in full swing. Again this year, we will host several programs specifically for Young Eagle volunteers. Here are a few of the highlights:

- All Week: Drop by the new location of the Young Eagles Pavilion. The pavilion has moved west and is located just north of the new FAA Control tower.
- Monday, July 27: Young Eagles Forum. Field Representatives Jim and Sandy Dukeman will host their traditional opening day forum. The forum will be held in the Dake Corporation Pavilion (001) from 8:30 – 9:45.
- Wednesday – July 29: Young Eagles Leaders Workshop. 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The location remains the same as the past few years, in the big tent located behind the PHP Conference Center and Audrey's Park ([see](#)

[map](#)). There is no charge, but we do ask you to pre-register on line. [Register now!](#) Please join us for an exciting, informational session and lunch is included. If you have any specific questions or issues you would like to discuss, please [contact me](#) and we will try to work it into the agenda. A tram will be also available to shuttle you between the Young Eagles Pavilion and the workshop, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

- Wednesday – July 29: Young Eagles Awards Dinner. Join Young Eagles Chairman Harrison Ford in the EAA AirVenture Museum’s Eagle Hangar for our annual awards celebration. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m., with the program to follow at 7:00 p.m. In addition to the awards, we are pleased to welcome USAir Flight 1549 First Officer Jeff Skiles as our guest speaker. Admission is free, but tickets are required. [Register Now!](#) Please remember to bring your online ticket with you.

We look forward to seeing you at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2009, July 27 – August 2.

COMPLETING YOUNG EAGLES REGISTRATION FORMS – TIPS TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS

Paperwork is a necessary part of the program and from personal experience; I know it can sometimes slow things down. So how can you speed things up? Here are a few tips that have worked for our events. Maybe they’ll help you and help us speed up the data entry process, too.

Young Eagle’s (child) information: make sure the top portion of the form is complete. Otherwise, we can’t follow up with the Young Eagle after the flight. It may be nice to have the child fill out their own form, but especially for the younger children, their penmanship leaves a bit to be desired. Encourage the parents to complete this part of the form. This can also help them feel a part of their child’s experience.

Pilot information: this section should contain at least the pilot’s first and last name, EAA number, type of aircraft and the date of flight. I’ve found that using pre-printed labels is a great time saver for me and the pilots. It makes it easy to include the necessary information on each form, especially on multiple forms. If you are like me, we often have the same pilots participating, so I keep any extra labels in a file folder for future use.

Signatures: make sure both the parent and the pilot sign the form before the flight. I use clipboards to make it easy for the pilots to sign the forms before the flight. I also use this as an opportunity to introduce the child to their pilot.

What about copies of the registration form? We do accept copies, but encourage you to use the full color forms available from our office. They look

more professional and contain additional information about flying and EAA's youth aviation programs. We know that you can run short of forms during an event. If you do use copies, remember it is a two-sided form.

YOUTH AVIATION ACTIVITIES NOW ORGANIZED ON LINE

All around the country, EAA Chapter members and teachers are working with students of all ages to excite them about aviation. Now, thanks to the generous support of the Emil Buehler Trust, there is a way to share these activities. The EAA Aviation Activity Cookbook is a compilation of successful activities, organized by grade level. In addition to activities, you will also find suggestions on how to incorporate new activities to your Young Eagle events, and how to make an effective presentation at a local school, when requested. Take a look at: www.eaa.org/chapters/resources/cookbook/

FUEL EXPENSES

We still receive calls regarding Young Eagles pilots receiving compensation for their fuel expenses. It is a sometimes confusing issue, simply because of the complexity of the FARs. Back in 2007, FAA issued [FAR 91.146/147](#), also known as the "Air Tour Rule" which was written to help clarify the issue. There are two tracks you can take to organize your Young Eagle activities to remain within the FARs. First, if your pilots all volunteer their time and expenses, then you can continue to organize as you have in the past. However, if you are providing fuel, then you should follow the requirements of FAR 91.146/147. These rules make it possible for Private Pilots to be compensated for their flights, although there are additional requirements and paperwork necessary to comply with the rules. If you are interested, you can find the rules on FAA's web site or [here](#) on the Young Eagles site. Under no circumstances, however, should a Young Eagle (or their parents) ever be charged for their flight experience.

ENROLLMENT OPEN FOR EAA's WOMEN SOAR 2009

Young women in grades 9-12 can enroll in EAA's Women Soar You Soar 2009. This unique program, now in its fifth year, introduces more than 100 young women to more than 20 outstanding women -- from engineers to fighter pilots -- working in a variety of aviation and aerospace fields. The three-day event, July 26 – 28, 2009, includes activities such as flight simulation, workshops, career exploration, and mentor sessions -- with an overall mission to engage, inspire, and educate young women to pursue their aviation dreams. Enrollment deadline is July 10, 2009, or until all spaces are filled. Find out more about Women Soar You Soar 2009 at www.airventure.org/womensoar or call 800-236-1025.

"ICE"

In this case "ice" is not something we have to scrape off our windshields in winter or keep off our wings in flight. Rather "ice" is shorthand for In Case of

Emergency. Young Eagle volunteers have compiled a great safety record during the past 16 years. However, no matter how careful we are, there are times when things don't go as planned. If there is an incident or accident at a Young Eagles event, please contact EAA Risk Management as soon as possible with the following information:

- Date, time and location of the incident
- Names, addresses and telephone contact numbers for all injured persons
- Names, addresses and telephone contact numbers for all witnesses to the incident
- Make sure immediate first aid and qualified medical personnel are notified of any injury. Protect damaged property from any further damage
- Have someone take immediate photographs of the incident if possible
- Do not discuss the facts leading up to the incident with the news media at any time
- Report incident to local FAA office or other government authority if applicable

EAA Risk Management Department Emergency Contacts:

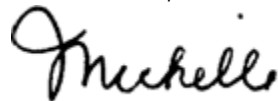
(920) 426-4822 (M-F 8:15am to 5:00pm) or (920)379-4822(cell): Karen Kryzaniak

MICHELLE'S THOUGHTS

A few weeks ago, I was at a 95th birthday celebration for a friend's father. While driving there, he told me that two of his cousins are pilots and would be at the party. He had not seen them in more than 20 years and didn't know what they were doing now. I thought, this will be interesting. As I was introduced to the cousins and told them I worked at EAA, the conversation was ignited. One had worked with one of my friends here at EAA and is currently in the aviation sales industry. The other brother is an airline pilot flying overseas in a Boeing 777. They both grew up in the Rice Lake (Wis.) area and knew some of our local Young Eagles pilots. The older brother had taught the younger brother to fly. It was very entertaining listening to their stories. They both had worked hard to get where they were and did not come from an aviation family. One of their comments really stuck with me – "You cannot buy your way to become a pilot. Even if you have the money, you still have to work for it and pass the tests." I think becoming a pilot is like any other kind of self motivated education – very personally rewarding and no one can ever take that accomplishment away! Thank you for inspiring all those future aviation enthusiasts!

If I can be of any assistance, please contact me: mkunes@eaa.org, 877-806-8902 or P.O. Box 2683, Oshkosh, WI 54903.

Take care,



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