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THE EAGLE'S WINGS

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

GREETINGS

Welcome to the first edition of The Eagle's Wings newsletter for 2009. This publication brings updates and support to Young Eagles Chapter Coordinators and Field Representatives. **If you are no longer active in this role, please notify our office so we may update our records.** Thank you for volunteering to be the leader and resource person for the Young Eagles program in your area. I look forward to a great year for the Young Eagles program and working with both new and returning Coordinators.

COORDINATOR INFORMATION

Again this year, we will be mailing a CD with all the necessary information to support your efforts for a successful Young Eagles program. This will give you instant access to Young Eagles materials and, in some cases, the ability to customize the information for your specific needs (such as the news release). In the meantime, you may access most of the same materials at www.youngeagles.org/volunteers.

YOUNG EAGLES PILOT CREDITS

We are in the process of revamping the Pilot Credits at this time. They will be mailed to YE Chapter Coordinators early in March. In the meantime, I would suggest if you have an Air Academy candidate in mind, go ahead and send in the application to secure a reservation for a particular camp.

<http://www.youngeagles.org/programs/airacademy/>

IYED 2009

Our 16th annual International Young Eagles Day is June 13, 2009. Annually, we set aside one day to encourage all EAA members to participate in the program. If you have not already done so, start planning your event. You may now fill out the Insurance form online which will also automatically add your event to our Calendar of Events at

<http://www.eaa.org/calendar/>.

YOUNG EAGLES MATERIALS

As you undertake your "spring" cleaning, please destroy any old Young Eagle materials you may have. The release form was updated awhile ago. If you need new materials, just let me know or order online: <https://secure.eaa.org/youngeagles/supplies.html>

If your Chapter pilots fly at times other than scheduled events, please make sure they have the updated materials as well. Thank you for your help in making this transition.

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 [here](#). For more information, visit the [Young Eagles website](#).

COPA & EAA JOINT STATEMENT

For many years an agreement existed between EAA & COPA allowing COPA members to fly young people as part of the EAA YE Program. However, COPA is now launching their own initiative independent of the Young Eagles program. The Young Eagles program will continue in Canada, with participation now restricted to EAA members and EAA Chapters – to read the entire statement click on this link:

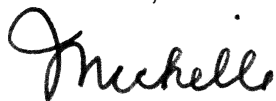
http://www.eaa.org/chapters/eea_copa_statement.pdf

MICHELLE'S THOUGHTS

2009 is my 15th year at EAA with the Young Eagles program. I started thinking about why people stay at any particular job for this long as we live in a time where longevity and commitment to a job are rare. I have come to recognize your voices, your email addresses and your “nicknames.” So what keeps us going? I think it is the enjoyment and fulfillment that we can't get anywhere else. We're doing something we believe in and have created a community of people who care about each other. You are giving and receiving at the same time. I am thankful for my “job” at EAA and appreciate each one of you and all you do to continue to support this program. Fly safe and I hope you all have a successful Young Eagles year~

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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