



THE EAGLE'S WINGS

**A NEWSLETTER FOR CHAPTER COORDINATORS, FIELD REPRESENTATIVES
AND SUPPORTERS OF THE YOUNG EAGLES PROGRAM**



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GREETINGS**

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Thank you for dedicating your time and effort to support the Young Eagles Program as the Coordinator/Field Rep in 2006. **If you received this Newsletter and are no longer in this position, please contact our office.** To those of you who are in this important position for the first time, I would like to say, "thank for" for volunteering to support the Young Eagles Program. Your dedication and support directly affects the overall success your Chapter will experience. A strong finish in 2005 means more than 1.2 million total Young Eagles have been flown, which provides enthusiasm and optimism for continued successes in 2006. I look forward to working with longtime friends and making new ones this year.

YOUNG EAGLE PILOT CREDIT LETTERS

The EAA Young Eagle pilot credit letters will be mailed soon to all pilots who flew **10 or more Young Eagles in 2005**. As the Chapter Coordinator, you will receive all of the letters for the members of your Chapter who qualify for credits. It is your responsibility to contact the pilots and get their approval before applying their credits toward an applicant for camp. The credits are on a tear-off and must be returned to the EAA Air Academy office to be redeemed for credit toward tuition. The \$100 registration fee is not part of the credit tuition and must be submitted separately with the application as soon as possible. If you do not have an applicant locally to use the credits, you may return the credits to the Air Academy and they will be used to help another deserving applicant.

CHAPTER COORDINATOR FOLDER

You will also be receiving the 2006 Chapter Coordinator folder in a few weeks. I would encourage you to take time to review the materials carefully -- even if you are a returning Coordinator. As Coordinator, we look to you to be well informed to answer questions from other Chapter members, perspective Young Eagles and the general public. If you think we have missed something or you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

YOUNG EAGLES WEBSITE

If you are a new Coordinator, I would like to encourage you to take time to visit the Young Eagles website at www.youneagles.org. Nearly everything we can mail you is also available on the web. I hope the frequent visitors have become more comfortable navigating the website and found the information useful and informative. Our website is updated on a regular basis, so please visit it often, especially the [featured volunteer pages](#).

IYED 2006

International Young Eagles Day is June 10, 2005. We encourage all Chapters and EAA members to participate if possible. This is a great day to rally your Chapter members to support a Young Eagles Day. Keep in mind; once have filed your Event Rally Notice form with the Chapter Office, we can post your event on our Schedule of Events on the web.

TAX TIME

Just a reminder that flights conducted for the Young Eagles Program are tax deductible. The IRS ruled that volunteer Young Eagle pilots could deduct direct, out-of-pocket expenses actually incurred that are in direct connection with and solely attributed to the EAA Young Eagles Program. Please share this information with your pilots. The guidelines are available on the web at [Young Eagles Tax Guidelines](#).

FINAL THOUGHTS

Over the years, there have been many challenges to the Young Eagles Program. Last fall, rising fuel prices and hurricanes loomed large. Many have commented on fuel price concerns and the overall world events affecting the Young Eagles Program. I have also received the stories where a plane has been destroyed by nature or a job lost, and there is heartfelt sadness for those who have been affected. However, I also think there is a special connection we share that most organizations do not. Flying children is a shared passion and a shared cost, and we do understand that life does change. There is still such a dedication and love of this program from those of you in the field, that I am refueled with enthusiasm constantly. There will always be some outside forces challenging us, but I continue to be inspired by the strong support for this program among EAA members. If there is any concern or thought you would like to share with us do not hesitate to contact us. You may reach me via – e-mail: mkunes@eaa.org, Telephone: (800) 236-4800, ext 6114 or write to: PO Box 2683, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2683.

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