



Young Eagles Rally

Next Rally September 22, 2018

The September 23, 2017 Rally turned out to be more than we could handle, and we had to turn away potential Young Eagles. We apologize for this inconvenience, but we have a limited number of approved pilots available and we flew about 145 Young Eagles.

Costs: None to the Young Eagles or their parents. The EAA pilots cover most of the flying expenses. Other sponsors and supporters for this Rally include: the local EAA Chapter, Southeast Minnesota Flying Club, Great Planes Aviation, Signature Flight Support, Rochester International Airport and Majestic Tents of Rochester. (EAA stands for Experimental Aircraft Association, <http://eaa.org>)

Initial Gathering Place: Rochester International Airport located west of Highway 63, south of Rochester and north of I-90. Take the County Rd 16 SW exit off Highway 63 to the west. Take the "General Aviation" turn-in that is just west of the airline terminal turn-in. The tent will be located on the airplane side of the fence, just before 7300 Brataas Drive SW (Signature Flight Support).

Start Time: Please plan to arrive BETWEEN 8:30 AM and 1030 AM. It will take about 1½ hours from start to finish for each "Young Eagle" and we would like to be finished by noon. In other words, if you arrive at 8:30, you should be done by 10:00. Or, if you arrive at 10:30, you should be done by noon. "First come, first served".

Sign In: Young Eagles (the kids to fly) will need their Mom, Dad or Guardian to fill out and sign the Registration form, pick up their log book and other freebies. We encourage parents to accompany their Young Eagle during the rally (except for the flight). Registration forms will be available at the rally, but you can save rally time by downloading it and filling it out at home. Click [hear](#) to download the registration form. **(Don't mail it)**

Ground Training: Young Eagles will get a short course from pilots about what to expect on their flights, what makes airplanes fly, how they are controlled and answers to all their aviation questions. Actual airplanes will be used for the ground training aids. All of that education usually takes 10-15 minutes.

Airplane Ride: After that, the Young Eagles will go for their ride, and are usually put into the next available seat unless they have a preference (such as a friend or neighbor that is acting as a pilot). The flights will last about 15 minutes.

Take Away: If this introduction to aviation inspires a Young Eagle to do more, more is available - free to them. They will get a free membership in EAA including online magazine and web access. Sporty's Pilot Shop donates a free on-line flying course to

every Young Eagle. Passing this course provides the Young Eagle a a free flying lesson and then paths to flight training scholarships.

The episode at the airport will probably be 1 - 1½ hours, assuming the pilots are keeping up with the number of Young Eagles.

Questions: You can send an email to YoungEagles@EAA100.org and it will go to: Jim Owens and Dick Fechter.

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