

Information for parents of Young Eagles:

Young Eagles® was founded in 1992, the Young Eagles program has dedicated 25 years to giving youth ages 8–17 their first free ride in an airplane.



It's the only program of its kind, with the sole mission to introduce and inspire kids to the world of aviation.

The Young Eagles program has flown over 2 million kids with the help of EAA's network of volunteer pilots and ground volunteers. EAA stands for **Experimental Aircraft Association**, (<http://EAA.org>)

Join us in offering every child, tween, and teen the chance to experience the Spirit of Aviation™

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, Signature Flight Support, Rochester International Airport and Majestic Tents of Rochester.

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 10:30 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. Find it on our website: <http://eaa100.org> and follow the Young Eagles links.

Ground Training: Young Eagles will get a short course about what to expect on their flights, what makes airplanes fly and answers to all their aviation questions. Actual airplanes will be used for the ground training aids. All 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 and you. They will get a free membership in EAA including their online magazine and EAA web access. They also receive a free flying course from *Sporty's Pilot Shop*. Passing *Sporty's* course permits a free flying lesson and possible paths to flight training scholarships.

Questions: You can send an email to YoungEagles@EAA100.org and it will go to: Dave Nelson for answers.

More Information is available by searching "EAA Young Eagles". There should be several links to this subject including one that is titled "Information for Parents". I've pasted its contents to the back of this page.

Information for Parents ([from EAA's website about the Young Eagles program](#))

Your child can join the ranks of more than 2 million Young Eagles® and see their world from a whole new perspective.

Since 1992, Young Eagles flights have been safely conducted in nearly every type of general aviation aircraft, from light planes to business jets, and everything in between.

What is EAA?

EAA, the Experimental Aircraft Association, is an international aviation membership association founded in 1953 and headquartered in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Local chapters are located in all 50 states and many countries. Members are aviation enthusiasts of every age group, including many airline and commercial pilots, engineers, business people and even astronauts. They enjoy all types of airplanes, including "experimental" aircraft, those aircraft built by individual craftsmen, rather than in a factory. "Experimental" refers to the category of aircraft designed by the FAA for these types of airplanes. Similar to standard category aircraft, Experimental aircraft are inspected and certified airworthy by FAA.

Why was the EAA Young Eagles program developed?

The EAA Young Eagles Program was developed in 1992 to welcome young people into the world of aviation. Aviation is exciting and vital to our nation's future and the best way to convey that message is to actually experience flight in a first-hand setting.

What do you hope to gain by taking my child flying?

Each Young Eagle will experience a safe and enjoyable flight that will give them new perspectives on the world and life in general. Young Eagles program participants will understand that an individual's potential is unlimited and for them, the sky is the limit!

Who are the pilots?

The pilots participating in the Young Eagles program are local members of EAA who are volunteering their time and aircraft to make your child's flight possible. Each pilot is licensed by the FAA (or governing organization outside the U.S., such as Transport Canada) and all aircraft are likewise licensed by the government. The flights are conducted according to federal regulations. No aerobatic maneuvers are performed.

How does my child become a Young Eagle?

If your child is between the ages of 8 and 17, [find a Young Eagles coordinator or pilot](#) near you. As a parent, you'll need to complete a Young Eagle registration form that is available from your pilot. They can help you fill out the form and answer any other specific questions you may have.

What will the flight be like?

First, your pilot will explain what will happen during the flight. This might include talking about the airplane, reviewing an aeronautical chart and identifying reference points during the flight, completing a careful "walk around" pre-flight inspection of the airplane and identifying the parts that control the airplane, helping buckle your child's seat belt, and describing the interior of the airplane, including the instrument panel.

Once in the air, your child will see the earth and sky in a new and exciting way. They will experience the wonderful freedom of flight that many people only dream about. Many people remember this experience for the rest of their lives. The length of the flight will depend on many factors, but most Young Eagle flights last between 15 and 20 minutes.

Back on the ground, there will be additional time for questions after the flight. Please note that each pilot is encouraged to follow the Young Eagle pilot guidelines, but also has the freedom to customize the flight to make the most of local conditions and facilities.

What happens to the registration form?

After the flight is completed, the pilot will issue your child the official EAA Young Eagles logbook or certificate. The pilot then returns the registration form to the EAA Young Eagles office, where the flight will be officially registered in the [World's Largest Logbook](#).

At the same time, EAA understands that privacy is important. Only basic information is displayed on the web and your address and phone number will never become part of the public database.

EAA will send your child follow-up information about our free on-line ground school course, details regarding other youth aviation programs, and EAA scholarships. Your child's name and e-mail address will not be sold or used for commercial purposes. EAA is sensitive to keeping you and your child's contact information confidential.