

YOUNG EAGLE - Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a cost for the Young Eagles flights?

No, there is no cost for the Young Eagle flights. The pilots and ground crew volunteer their time and cost to give your children a flight that we hope will inspire them to fall in love with aviation.

Do I need to schedule a time for the flights?

Sign up for your flight at <https://eaachapters.org/>. Please note, we ask that you come as close to 9am as possible. Weather in our area tends to change as the morning goes on, especially in the summer. Winds pick up, air gets bumpy, and sometimes flights have to be canceled. If you are unsure if the child wishes to fly, you can sign a Young Eagle Registration and see how they feel at that time. A parent or legal guardian must be present to sign the form.

Are walk-up registrations accepted on the day of the event?

No, we are not able to take walk-up registrations on the day of the event. We have a set number of flights so that our pilots and volunteers are able to give the Young Eagle the best experience possible.

What happens if it rains?

Follow the EAA Chapter 864 webpage or the EAA Chapter 864 Facebook page for weather updates. By registering online at <https://eaachapters.org/> you will also receive an email notification of cancellations. If we have to cancel an event, we will post that by Friday at 10 pm before the event. It is possible that flights may be cancelled at the last minute due to a change in weather. High wind, fog and thunderstorms are usually the weather conditions that will cancel the flights on the day of the event.

Can a grandparent/aunt/uncle/friend/etc. bring my child?

While grandparents, etc. can bring the child to the event, a parent or legal guardian must be present to sign the registration form.

What happens during the flight?

A Young Eagles Ground Crew and pilot will escort you child (and you) to the airplane for a pre-flight inspection. Young Eagles are encouraged to ask questions about the aircraft. Parents will be escorted back behind the fence while the Ground Crew help the Young Eagle into the plane. The flight will last 20-30 minutes. Again, the Young Eagle is encourage

to ask questions of the pilot. Once the plane lands, your Ground Crew will escort you back out to the plane. Feel free to take pictures of your Young Eagle and pilot.

What can my child do to continue his/her interest in aviation?

Once your child has flown, he/she will receive an EAA Student Membership, access to the Sporty's Learn to Fly ground school course, first flight lesson for free, access to flight training scholarships and more.

EAA also offers a free online program called AeroEducate. This is a free resource filled with age-based activities and clear pathways to aviation and aerospace industry careers where K-12 students can discover and ignite their curiosity in aviation. For more information log onto <http://aeroeducate.org/>

Can my child fly more than once?

We limit each Young Eagle to one flight per day so every child gets a flight. Your child is welcome to come to another event to fly again. Other flight opportunities in the region are viewable at <https://eaachapters.org/>.

Can adults fly too?

The Young Eagle flights are for kids ages 8-17 only.