

Young Eagles Event 2019

Dear Scouts of East Tennessee,

We are setting up for another Young Eagles Event at Knoxville Downtown Island Airport on May 11, 2019 (Rain date May 18, 2019). We would love the participation of the Scouts and would appreciate being placed on your event calendar. They can sign up at <http://eaal7.org/become-young-eagle/>

Below is a Newsletter release that explains the many benefits:

Welcome to a new year and hopefully more great aviation adventures! The date has been set for **YE 2019** at Knoxville Downtown Island Airport, KDKX. The people of the Knoxville Metropolitan Airport Authority (MKAA) at KDKX are always supportive of Chapter 17 and we are planning for another event. Please join us.

The purpose of this program is to introduce young people to aviation. We do so by providing free introductory flights with the hope of inspiring a lifestyle around aviation and/or a career in aviation. The possibilities are not limited to that of becoming a pilot. There are opportunities in aircraft maintenance, electronics, air traffic control, etc...

The Young Eagle program is the start of what we hope will be a lifetime of enjoyment. EAA Chapter 17 has flown **3,494** young eagles; I wish we knew how many of those have gone on to share our enthusiasm. I have run into aviators around the southeast at various airports that recognized my plane and recounted their first flight in that very plane many years ago, so flights can and do create lasting memories. One of our Chapter 17 pilots flew a Young Eagle that went on to a military career to include flying as a Blue Angel; we hope to have him back as a presenter at a future monthly gathering. Another Chapter 17 pilots has been credited with **628** YE's.

Our next scheduled event is Saturday May 11, 2019 at Island Home airport. You can find information at <http://www.eaal7.org>.

Registration is from 9AM until 11AM. The flights start after a 20 minute ground school in which the children (ages 8 to 17) learn how an aircraft flies and a bit of safety instruction for the day. The 20 to 30 minute flights end around noon or after the last registered YE flies. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend as a family day. The registration forms are required to be signed by the parent/guardian before the child's flight.

The EAA Young Eagles Flight Plan

- 1 Take a Young Eagles flight
- 2 Get a FREE EAA Student Membership
- 3 Sporty's Learn to Fly Course
- 4 First Flight Lesson
- 5 EAA Scholarships

The young eagle flight is step 1 and 2 of a 5 step system intended to provide the child with every opportunity to experience aviation. After the flight the

pilot will sign a logbook as a memento; however, that logbook also entitles the child to a free membership into the EAA.

EAA Student Membership

EAA Student Membership provides the new Young Eagle with new ways to participate in the fun and exciting world of aviation.

- FREE Access to the Sporty's Learn to Fly Course (\$215 value)
- FREE Admission to 300+ science and technology museums
- FREE Academy of Model Aeronautics Student Membership
- FREE monthly electronic copy of EAA Sport Aviation magazine
- FREE first flight lesson* (\$130 value)
*Upon completion of the first 3 volumes of the Sporty's Learn to Fly Course (Recommended for Ages 13+)
- Reimbursement after passing the FAA knowledge exam (\$165 value)
- Access to valuable flight training awards, education scholarships, and Air Academy camperships.
- *****NEW FOR 2019***** The Soaring Society of America, SSA, has teamed up with the EAA and have added a free SSA Cadet Membership for all Young Eagles.

This is a simplified introduction to the Young Eagles program. Please take a look at the following link. The blue box on the left hand side will have many links with full information.

<https://www.eaa.org/en/ea/aviation-education-and-resources/ea-youth-education/ea-ye-program>

Thank you for your Support,
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