



# ***THE EAGLE'S WINGS***

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



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## ***GREETINGS***

Welcome to the first edition of "The Eagle's Wings" for 2007. This newsletter provides updates, support and tips to those who have volunteered to support the Young Eagles program this year as either a Chapter Coordinator or Field Representative. Thank you for volunteering to be the Young Eagles resource person in your Chapter. As the program continues, we are excited and encouraged by your dedication and enthusiasm to promote the Young Eagles program in the upcoming flying season. **If you are no longer active in this role, please notify our office so we can update our records.**

## ***COORDINATOR FOLDERS***

The 2007 Chapter Coordinator and Field Representative folders will be coming to you next week. We apologize for the delay, but the release of the Air Tour rules caused us to wait until the situation was resolved. Included in the folder will be a letter that discusses the Air Tour rules and a separate letter about several procedural changes for the program. Please review the letters and the contents of the folder when it arrives and call with any questions.

## ***PILOT CREDIT LETTERS REMINDER***

By now you have received the Young Eagle Pilot Credits for 2006. Air Academy slots fill quickly so be sure to contact the Air Academy office to reserve your slot. If your Chapter will not be using your credits this year, return them to the Young Eagles office, so another applicant might be able to use them. <http://www.airacademy.org/>

## ***IYED 2007***

**Our 14<sup>th</sup> annual International Young Eagles Day is June 9, 2007. Mark your calendar now and, if you haven't done so, start planning your event.** International Young Eagles Day is a great way to focus attention on the program and provide a day for as many EAA Chapters and members as possible to participate. If you have an IYED event – or any Young Eagles event scheduled – and you want to be on our calendar of events, make certain that you file a Chapter Rally Notice form. The form is available on our website at [www.youngeagles.org](http://www.youngeagles.org), then click on Volunteers/Resources.

## ***SUN 'N FUN FORUM***

**YOUNG EAGLES WORKSHOP ON THURSDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> at 9a.m. in TENT #4.** If you will be in Lakeland, put this forum on your Calendar. Steve Buss, Executive Director of the Young Eagles program will be on hand to answer your questions and share some exciting news about the program.

## **CHAPTER PILOT INFORMATION**

Need Pilot ID numbers to complete your paperwork? Are all of the pilots affiliated with your Chapter in our database? You can find out by using the World's Largest Logbook on the Young Eagles website. Simply perform a Chapter Search (located on the right side of the page) to find the information for the pilots who conduct Young Eagles flights in your Chapter. Now is a great time to update your records.

## **AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN NOW**

Nominations for the 2007 Outstanding Young Eagles Awards are now open. You'll find the nomination form on the web site at: [www.youngeagles.org/volunteers](http://www.youngeagles.org/volunteers). The scroll down to find the nomination form. It is in the left column under "Other Resources." The award categories are: Outstanding Field Representative; Outstanding Chapter Coordinator; Outstanding Ground Support Volunteer; Horizons (recognizing programs to further extend the reach of the YE Program); Humanitarian award (recognizing special efforts for special people). These are people who are the driving force behind your Young Eagles Program, but are not always in the spotlight. Please submit your nomination package to: EAA Young Eagles Awards, PO Box 2683, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2683. The deadline for nominations is June 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **AVIATION EXPLORING**

If you've ever wondered what it might take to organize an Aviation Exploring post, we have the answer. Hal Shevers will be hosting two forums on organizing Posts at Sun 'n Fun. Wednesday, April 18, at 9:00 a.m. and again on Friday, April 20 at 9:00 a.m. Both sessions will be in Forum Tent #5. While Hal is best known as the president of Sporty's Pilot Shops, he is also dedicated to Aviation Exploring. Aviation Exploring is a branch of the Boy Scouts of America where young women and men from ages 14-20 who have an aviation interest can have that interest nurtured and developed. Hal has extended an invitation to all interested EAA members to find out more while in Lakeland.

## **FINAL THOUGHTS**

With all the complexity and technical advances that affect our lives and our world, I hope that you all are still able to enjoy the simplicity of this program – a pilot taking a young person on an airplane flight – what an awesome adventure! May we all keep this thought in our minds and hearts as we continue to support and volunteer for the greatest youth aviation program in history! Fly safe and if I can be of any assistance, please contact me – e-mail: [mkunes@eaa.org](mailto:mkunes@eaa.org), Telephone: (877) 806-8902 or write PO Box 2683, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2683.

Thank you,



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