



THE EAGLE'S WINGS

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GREETINGS

EAA Air Venture Oshkosh 2007 was spectacular and I hope you were here to share it with us. The 15th Anniversary Celebration was such a great way to thank all of you who have made this program so successful! It's always a pleasure to renew friendships and make new ones. Please check our website stories about all the happenings during Air Venture. Go to www.youneagles.org/volunteers and check out the stories. We have information on the workshop, the award winners and more.

Thanks for another wonderful AirVenture!

NEW REGISTRATION FORMS

Thank you for making the transition to the updated Young Eagle forms. It is important that we move to these new materials as soon as possible. If you need updated materials, please let me know.

As a quick reminder, make sure your pilots and parents sign each form. We still receive forms without the required signatures. I appreciate your assistance.

2007 CHAPTER GOALS

Please remember to notify our office when your Chapter reaches your goal for 2007. If you did not send in the Goal Card, you can still let us know what your goal is for the year. We will be recognizing Chapters who reach their goal at the end of the year.

FALL FLYING

Fall is a great time to go flying and by the amount of orders we are filling these days, many of you are taking advantage of this time of year. This is a good time to remind your pilots to make sure they have their "10 for 2007" so your Chapter can earn credits to send a young person to the Air Academy next summer.

Don't forget to file your Rally Notice form with Risk Management two weeks prior to your event.

15TH ANNIVERSARY ITEMS

We have a limited supply of 15th Anniversary items you may order if you are able to use them. **1)** 15th Anniversary white plastic bags; **2)** Young Eagles stickers (approx 4" X 4"); **3)** 15th Anniversary pins. If you can put any of these items to good use, please let me know as soon as possible. Supplies are limited!

GROUND VOLUNTEERS

Don't forget to recognize your Ground Volunteers. These are the people who are so vital to your events, but who often do not get the recognition they deserve. We don't know who they are unless you send us their names. I would be happy to provide you with a personalized Certificate of Appreciation and a Flightline Volunteer pin for 2007.

AVIATION COOKBOOK

What if you could go to a reference source and find a wide variety of aviation activities for young people? Sound interesting? Jeff Elmer, an Oshkosh high school science teacher has been working on just such a project. Over the past year, Jeff has been researching and compiling information on aviation activities. He has begun to assemble them into an "aviation cookbook" and Draft 1 is currently available on CD. If you would like a copy, please let me know. There's one catch however. Since this is a draft version, Jeff would like you to try out the activities and give him your thoughts on what works or what might need improvement. Thanks to the Emil C Buehler Charitable Trust for providing support for the project.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Fall has always been my favorite time of year. What better way to appreciate the beautiful colors of the season than from an airplane? And while you're enjoying the scenery, what better way to enhance the moment than by sharing it with a young person? There's no greater inspiration and hope for the future of aviation than the light you kindle when you share your enthusiasm for flying. Thank you – each and every one of you -- whether in the air flying or on the ground making sure everything runs smoothly. Fly safe and if I can be of any assistance, please contact me – e-mail: mkunes@eaa.org, Telephone: (877) 806-8902 or write PO Box 2683, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2683.

Thank you,

Michelle Kunes
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