



THE EAGLE'S WINGS

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



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GREETINGS

This Newsletter provide updates and support to our Chapter Coordinators and Field Representatives who have volunteered to support the Young Eagles Program for 2006. **If you are no longer active in this role, please notify our office.** Thanks to all the "new" Young Eagles Coordinators for 2006 along with those of you who have continued your support over the years. The enthusiasm and interest in the program is building and we look forward to another successful Young Eagles year.

1.25 MILLION YOUNG EAGLES

As we looked ahead at 2006, we realized that a significant milestone was on the horizon, reaching the 1.25 million Young Eagles mark – That's one and a quarter million Young Eagles! With your help, we will reach that milestone BEFORE EAA AirVenture 2006 giving us a chance to join together in a celebration at Oshkosh. Reaching that mark before AirVenture is possible, but will require a little extra effort from all of us. To help motivate you and your fellow Volunteers to fly a few extra Young Eagles this spring, we will have an opportunity for participating pilots and ground crews to be recognized in the next few months. Those who participate in the program will have a chance to win some valuable prizes. In addition, the pilot who flies Young Eagle 1.25 million will receive a VIP trip to AirVenture— including hotel accommodations---, a flight in the B-17 and more. For complete details, visit the Volunteer page on the Young Eagles web site.

IYED 2006

International Young Eagles Day is June 10, 2006. We encourage all EAA Chapters and members to participate on IYED. Since 1994, we have used IYED as a way to focus attention on the program. Make sure you file a Chapter Rally Notice Form which can be found in your Coordinator folder or on the Young Eagles website under Resources.

2006 CHAPTER GOALS

Setting a goal for your Chapter can be inspiring and motivating. Many Chapters have found that setting a goal is a good way to stay focused on flying Young Eagles. Simply fill out the Goal Card included in your Chapter Coordinator folder and send it back. We recognize Chapters that meet their goal at the end of each year. Please notify our office when you do reach your goal. We look forward to having many more Chapters participate in 2006.

EAA AIRVENTURE 2006

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2006 (July 24– 30) is now just 90 days away! There are opportunities to volunteer in support of the Young Eagles Program while you are here. More information regarding the volunteer areas and hours of operation are posted on the Young Eagles web site under the “Volunteer” section, by clicking the “AirVenture” tab. Our Annual **Young Eagles Leaders Workshop will be on Wednesday, July 26 at the Nature Center**. Please keep in mind the Workshop is for Leaders and key volunteers. You will need to call and register for a Luncheon ticket. You may call (920) 426-6114 to request your ticket and we'll mail them to you. At the Workshop, you'll get a chance to meet our Award Winners and special guests, meet new people and greet old friends. On **Wednesday evening**, we will **present our Award Winners at the Theater in the Woods**. Please don't miss a chance to see our “Outstanding Volunteers” recognized and to hear our Chairman, Harrison Ford talk about the program. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss these important Young Eagles events during AirVenture. The Young Eagles staff can be found in the Young Eagles Pavilion, located just south of the FAA Control Tower. Stop by and say “hello”!

AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the 2006 Outstanding Young Eagles Awards are now open. Please access our Award Nomination form at http://www.young eagles.org/volunteers/airventure_awards. The 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 limelight. Please submit your nomination package to: EAA Young Eagles Awards, PO Box 2683, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2683. The deadline for nominations is June 15th.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Thanks once again to all of you for your efforts and dedication that make this the greatest youth aviation program in the world. We owe a debt of gratitude to those of you who truly believe you can and are making a difference in a young person's life and all of aviation. I am blessed to be working in an organization where the members share the responsibility for the success of the Young Eagles program with such passion and dedication. 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,

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