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What: EAA Annual *Young Eagles Flight Rally*

Who: Youth ages 8 – 17

When: Saturday, January 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Albert Whitted Park, downtown St. Petersburg

Cost: FREE

Young Eagles Program Offers Free Plane Rides and Education to Kids on Saturday, January 31

The skies over St. Petersburg's Albert Whitted Airport will beckon bay area youth to experience the beauty, thrill, and wonder of aviation. The inaugural *Young Eagles Flight Rally* for 2015 will be held on Saturday, January 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with free plane rides for children age 8 – 17 at Albert Whitted Park located on Bay Shore Drive adjacent to the Salvador Dali Museum in downtown St. Petersburg.

Sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), the goal of the *Young Eagles Flight Rally* program is to inspire and nurture a passion for aviation at an early age. Attendees can learn about the mechanics of flight, cornerstones of safety, and the many exciting general aviation opportunities. Upon completion of flights, participants will receive an official *Young Eagles* log book and instructions to complete a complimentary online training course sponsored by the EAA.

Young Eagle flights are offered at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis by licensed local pilots volunteering their time and skills. Junior flight candidates should wear comfortable clothing, be in good health, and be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian for completion of required paperwork. Adult supervision is requested for all youth attendees, and groups of five or more participants are asked to call (727) 822-1532 at least one day in advance of the event.

Background:

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is an international aviation organization headquartered in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. EAA offers educational opportunities and scholarships to encourage the next generation of pilots. The first *Young Eagles* program was launched in 1992 and has flown nearly 2 million children in 90 countries. The *Young Eagles Flight Rally* in St. Petersburg is hosted by local EAA Chapter 47, which is based at Albert Whitted Airport.

For more information on the *Young Eagles Flight Rally* as hosted by EAA Chapter 47, visit www.AWAPS.org or call (727) 822-1532.

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