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What: International Young Eagles Day

Who: Youth ages 8 – 17

When: Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Albert Whitted Park, downtown St. Petersburg

Cost: FREE

International Young Eagles Day Offers Free Plane Rides and Fun for Kids on June 10

School's out, but International Young Eagles Day brings fun and adventure for kids on Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Albert Whitted Airport, St. Petersburg.

Families are invited to bring kids age 8-17 for free plane rides and interactive lessons on the mechanics of flight. The event takes place at scenic 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), Young Eagles Flight Rallies inspire future aviation professionals with an early passion for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Participants also receive an official *Young Eagles* log book and instructions to complete a free online ground school, just like real pilots!

International Young Eagles Day is hosted locally by EAA Chapter 47 at Albert Whitted Airport with breathtaking views of Ft. Desoto, the Sunshine Skyway Bridge, and historic St. Petersburg – the birthplace of commercial aviation. Trips are offered at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis by licensed pilots volunteering their time and skills.

Junior flight candidates should wear comfortable clothing, be in good health, and accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to complete mandatory paperwork. Appropriate conduct and adult supervision are also required. Groups of five or more participants are asked to call at least 2 *days in advance* of the event.

Event partners include the National Aviation Academy, Pilot Bank, and St. Pete Air.

Background: The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is an international aviation organization headquartered in Oshkosh, Wisconsin offering educational opportunities to encourage the next generation of pilots. Since 1992, EAA's *Young Eagles* program has flown more than 2 million children in 90 countries. EAA Chapter 47 is based at Albert Whitted Airport.

For more information on International Young Eagles Day, visit www.AWAPS.org or call (727) 822-1532.