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What: Winter 2017 Young Eagles Flight Rally

Who: Youth ages 8 – 17

When: Saturday, January 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Albert Whitted Park, downtown St. Petersburg

Cost: FREE

Autumn Young Eagles Program Offers Free Plane Rides and Fun on Jan. 28

Students ages 8 – 17 are invited to celebrate 2017 at the Winter Young Eagles Flight Rally on Saturday, January 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Albert Whitted Park, located on Bay Shore Drive adjacent to the Salvador Dali Museum in downtown St. Petersburg.

Kids can earn a Young Eagles certificate while enjoying an educational adventure and free airplane ride at historic Albert Whitted Airport, the very birthplace of commercial aviation! Families should follow signage to parking and the flight line. Concessions will be available on site.

Originated by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), the Young Eagles program aims to nurture future aviation professionals and passion for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Local EAA Chapter 47 will demonstrate the mechanics of flight and safety before thrilling young passengers with aerial views of Egmont Key, Ft. Desoto, and the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. Upon completion of flights, participants will receive an official Young Eagles log book and instructions to complete free online ground school.

Young Eagle flights are offered at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis by licensed pilots donating 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. Appropriate conduct and adult supervision are mandatory for all attendees, and groups of five or more participants are requested to call (727) 822-1532 at least *one day in advance* of the program.

Special thanks to event partners: National Aviation Academy, Pilot Bank, and St. Pete Air.

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. Since launching in 1992, EAA's *Young Eagles* program has flown more than 2 million children in 90 countries. The Young Eagles Flight Rally in St. Petersburg is hosted by local EAA Chapter 47, based at Albert Whitted Airport.

For more information on the Winter 2017 Young Eagles Flight Rally and local EAA Chapter 47, visit www.AWAPS.org or call (727) 822-1532.