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YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHT RALLY SCHEDULED FOR September 18, 2010

St. Petersburg, Florida — (September 18, 2010) — Area young people ages 8-17 will have a chance to take to the skies on Saturday, September 18, 2010, as Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 47 hosts a Young Eagles Flight Rally at Albert Whitted Airport.

The rally is part of the EAA Young Eagles Program, created to interest young people in aviation. Since the program was launched in 1992, Volunteer EAA pilots have flown more than 1.5 million young people who reside in more than 90 countries.

"Free airplane rides are just part of the Flight Rally," said Terri Griner spokesman for the event. "We hope to build one-to-one relationships between pilots and young people, giving a new generation a chance to learn more about the possibilities that exist in the world of aviation."

Pilots at the event will also explain more about their airplanes allowing young people to discover how airplanes work and how pilots ensure safety is the prime concern before every flight.

Upon completion of a flight, the Young Eagle will receive a certificate making them an official Young Eagle, a logbook for recording this and subsequent aviation experiences and an access code to the Sporty's Online Complete Pilot Training Course. The certificate, logbook and the entire flight training course will be free of charge. Additionally each Young Eagle's name will be entered into the "World's Largest Logbook," which is on permanent display at the

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Flight Rally Scheduled September 18, 2010 EAA Air Adventure Museum in Oshkosh, WI. The Logbook is also accessible on the web at www.youngeagles.org.

Other activities scheduled for the Flight Rally include static display aircraft, EAA Chapter 47 aviation education area, Civil Air Patrol aircraft and display, aviation craft activities and food, beverages and snacks.

Along with flight rallies, EAA members also fly Young Eagles on an individual basis. Each pilot volunteers their time and aircraft so the flights can be provided free of charge for interested young people.

Those attending the flight rally on Saturday, September 18, 2010 are asked come to Albert Whitted Park located at 480 Bayshore Drive S.E., starting at 10:00 am to register for their flight. Flights will begin at 10:00am with registration closing at 2:00pm. A parent or guardian must be present to sign a consent form for participation. The consent forms can be found on the AWAPS website at <u>www.awaps.org</u> or the local website at <u>www.eaa47.org</u>. For more information on the event, contact Terri Griner at (727) 822-1532. EAA and the EAA Young Eagles program is available on the Internet. Access to EAA's Home Page is available at <u>www.eaa.org</u>. The Young Eagles web page is <u>www.youngeagles.org</u>.