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## **Young Eagles Flight Rally Offers Free Flights to Area Youth at Bolton Field Airport On Saturday, July 16**

COLUMBUS -- Area youth ages 8-17 will have a chance to take to the skies (weather permitting) free of charge this Saturday, July 16, as Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) central Ohio Chapter 9 hosts a Young Eagles Flight Rally at Bolton Field, located at 2000 Norton Road.

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 1.4 million young people who reside in more than 90 countries.

In addition to offering free airplane rides, EAA hopes to build relationships between the pilots and young people, giving a new generation a chance to learn more about the possibilities that exist in the world of aviation. EAA volunteers at the event will explain how airplanes work and how pilots ensure safety is the prime concern before every flight.

Following the flight each young person will receive a certificate making them an official Young Eagle and a color photo. Their name will then be entered into the "World's Largest Logbook," which is on permanent display at the EAA Air Adventure Museum in Oshkosh, WI. The logbook is also accessible at [www.youneagles.org](http://www.youneagles.org).

Those attending the flight rally on Saturday are asked to arrive at the airport between 10 a.m. and noon to register for their flight. Flights will begin at 10 a.m. There is no charge to participate in the program but parental consent is required.

For further information please visit Young Eagles at [www.eaa9.org](http://www.eaa9.org) and [www.youneagles.org](http://www.youneagles.org). For more information about this event contact [Christine Mortine](#) at 614-205-3129.

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