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**April 13, 2015**

**What:** EAA *International Young Eagles Flight Rally*

**Who:** Youth ages 8 – 17

**When:** Saturday, June 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Where:** Albert Whitted Park, downtown St. Petersburg

**Cost:** FREE

**Free Educational Plane Rides for Kids on June 13 for *International Young Eagles Day***

Bay area youth age 8 – 17 can celebrate summer from a bird's eye view to experience the beauty, thrill, and wonder of aviation during *International Young Eagles Day 2015* on Saturday, June 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Albert Whitted Park in downtown St. Petersburg. The event location is 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. Since 1992, the EAA program has flown more than 1.9 million children in 90 countries around the world. The total number of Young Eagles is expected to exceed the 2-million mark during *International Young Eagles Day 2015*.

*Young Eagles* flights are offered at no charge by licensed local pilots volunteering their time and skills. Before taking to the sky, attendees can learn about the mechanics of flight, cornerstones of safety, and various general aviation opportunities from these experienced pilots. 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.

Parents and kids should note the following important information about the program and event:

- *Young Eagles* flights are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Adult supervision is required for all youth attendees.
- A parent or legal guardian must be present for completion of required paperwork.
- Junior flight candidates should be in good health and wear appropriate, comfortable clothing.
- Groups of five or more participants seeking flight opportunities 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. *Young Eagles* flight programs in St. Petersburg are hosted by local EAA Chapter 47, one of the EAA's earliest chapters, based at Albert Whitted Airport.

For more information on the *International Young Eagles Day 2015* as hosted by EAA Chapter 47, visit [www.AWAPS.org](http://www.AWAPS.org) or call (727) 822-1532.

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