

Young Eagles Rally planned for June 11

Kids who attend can go on free airplane rides

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MOUNT VERNON — Kids with an interest in aviation are encouraged to attend the upcoming Young Eagles Rally from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, at the Mount Vernon Outland Airport.

The event, sponsored by the airport's Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 1155, will enable youth ages 8 to 17 to fly in an airplane for free. The local EAA chapter holds these rallies about once or twice a year to introduce and inspire youth to the world of aviation.

"It's to cause an interest in the young people in aviation, introduce them to it and hopefully encourage them to pursue it," said EAA Chapter 1155 President Steve Willis.

According to an event news release, those attending the Young Eagles Rally on June 11 should come to the Bonnie Cafe lobby area at the airport to "begin the adventure."

Youth who participate are required to obtain parental signed consent to go on a Young Eagles flight. The forms are available at the airport and can be signed ahead of time or on the day of the event.

"We will have the forms," Willis said. "There (will) have to be a parent or legal guardian to sign the consent before they can go on the flight."

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Rallies are influenced by weather, pilot/aircraft availability and public health issues. Every effort will be made to make a timely decision to change the rally date if needed, the news release states.

Mount Vernon Airport Administrative Assistant Sheila Jolly-Scriver remarked Wednesday on the upcoming Young Eagles Rally.

"We would like to invite all youth ages 8 to 17 to come participate in this exciting experience," Jolly-Scriver said.

For more information on the June 11 rally, contact the Mount Vernon Outland Airport at (618) 242-7016.

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