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YOUNG EAGLES RALLY — Youth ages 8 to 17 will get a chance to go on a free airplane ride during the upcoming Young Eagles Rally from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11, at Mount Vernon Outland Airport. Pictured is one of the young participants at a previous rally.

Fly like an eagle

Young Eagles Rally scheduled for Oct. 11

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MOUNT VERNON — Young people with an interest in aviation are about to get a very unique opportunity.

This week, youth ages 8 to 17 will get a chance to go on a free airplane ride during the upcoming Young Eagles Rally from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11, at Mount Vernon Outland Airport. Participants should come to the Bonnie Cafe lobby area at the airport that day to "begin the adventure," states an event news release.

Typically, the airport's Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1155 hosts events of this sort twice a year, one in the late May/early June time period and

another one around October. The goal of the Young Eagles Rally is to expose youth to the joys of aviation, said EAA Chapter 1155 President Steve Willis. He added that the program has been very successful in that regard.

"We do it twice a year, in the spring and in the fall, and this is the second and last one for this year," Willis said. "The kids really enjoy it, and we've gotten a lot of interest from them in aviation."

The rally is free and open to the public. Parental signed consent is mandatory for the flight, and forms will be available at Mount Vernon Airport.

Rallies are influenced by weather, pilot/aircraft availability and public health issues. However, organizers say that every effort will be made to make a timely decision on whether to change the rally date if needed.

For more information, call (618) 242-7016.

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