

# Free flights in S. Lake Tahoe for youth

The Truckee Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) chapter is returning to the Lake Tahoe Airport this year for a Young Eagles rally, offering free airplane rides for youngsters 8-17. The rally will be Sept. 23 starting at 8am.

The free rides are part of the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles program, in which volunteer pilots introduce kids to aviation by giving them airplane rides.

The EAA started the Young Eagles program in 1992 with the goal of flying 1 million kids by Dec. 17, 2003, the centennial of the Wright brothers' flights. They easily surpassed that goal and to date more than 2 million kids in more than 90 countries have joined the ranks of Young Eagles. The Truckee chapter has flown over 3,500 Young Eagles in that time.

Following the flight, each young person receives a certificate making them an official Young Eagle. Their name will then be entered into the world's largest logbook, which is on permanent display at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh, Wis. In addition to the certificate, the new Young Eagle will be given their own logbook with an access code for a free EAA student membership and free access to the online flight training course offered by Sporty's Pilot Shop, as well as several other programs.

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