Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts or Explorers are invited to

Young Eagles Fly-for-free Rally

May 30, 2026 at the Ithaca/Tompkins International Airport

Sponsored by Ithaca EAA Chapter 811 and the East Hill Flying Club

Ever wondered what it's like to fly? Maybe you're curious how airplanes work. You might even dream about being a pilot. If you're shaking your head "yes" and are between the ages of 8 and 17, you are invited to take to the sky and become a Young Eagle! More than two million young people just like you have already taken a free flight through EAA's Young Eagles program.

The EAA Young Eagles program was launched in 1992 to give interested young people ages 8 to 17 the opportunity to go flying in a general aviation airplane. The volunteers who participate in the Young Eagles program are local members of EAA who are volunteering their time and aircraft to make your flight possible. EAA is a membership organization based in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Our 180,000 members are dedicated to growing participation in aviation.

This is an opportunity to experience the freedom of flight that many people only dream about. The Young Eagle will fly with a local EAA volunteer pilot who will show them what real pilots do on the ground and in the air - they might even get a chance to fly the airplane for a while themselves. Many people remember this experience for the rest of their lives - your Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts or Explorers will, too!

After the flight, the pilot will present each Young Eagle with their very own Young Eagles logbook with a unique code to receive a free EAA Student Membership, which unlocks even more opportunities and resources to participate in the exciting world of flight! Student members get free access to the Sporty's Pilot Shop Learn to Fly Course (a $279 value), free admission to 300+ Science and Technology Museums, free student membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics, an electronic copy of Sport Aviation (the EAA's monthly magazine), and much more.

All Young Eagles must pre-register. The rally will start at 8:00AM and run through mid-afternoon, depending on the number of Young Eagles who sign up and the number of pilots we'll have to give them flights. The rain date will be May 31st.

You can sign up at https://www.eaachapters.org/event-details/IN3232CS6
or use the QR code below.

All Young Eagles must have a parent's signature on a permission form before flying.
Parents can sign in advance or at the airport on the day of the rally.

Cub Packs should plan to have all parents present with their Cubs. Troops/Ships/Posts: if you prefer to handle permission forms at the unit level, so parents are not required to be present, contact Mike Brown for paper forms or have the parents create the forms through the online link.

Questions? Contact Mike Brown - wb2jwd@gmail.com - 607-279-1262 (cell)

For general information on the Young Eagles program see:
https://www.eaa.org/eaa/youth/free-ye-flights/become-a-young-eagle