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Young Eagle Earning Wings of a Different Sort

Scout creates aviation day with Boys and Girls Club

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May 12, 2011 — Jack Foersterling, 16, EAA 1044906, took his first Young Eagles flight in 2005 when he was 11 years old. Five flights later, he's sharing that experience and love for aviation with the Boys and Girls Club of Lake County to help him earn wings of a slightly different feather. For Jack's Eagle Scout project he has put together an Aviation Day at Galt Airport in Greenwood, Illinois, to coincide with International Learn to Fly Day on Saturday, May 21.

To earn the rank of Eagle, a scout has to design and lead a community service project. Jack, who has attended the EAA Air Academy the past two summers, thought creating an Aviation Day would be a unique way to share his passion with people his age while meeting his scouting requirements. It's likely the 10 to 15 kids from the Boys and Girls Club that Jack expects will be getting their first experience with aviation.

They will have the opportunity to learn about how a plane flies during a question and answer session with an aircraft mechanic, build balsa wood gliders, and compete in contests to see whose glider will fly the farthest or highest. They'll also get to use a flight simulator and test their skills behind the controls. The highlight of the day will be the Young Eagles flights.

While Jack's project is focused on the Boys and Girls Club, EAA Chapter 932's International Learn to Fly Day is aimed at a broader and older audience. To engage adults, the chapter is working with the Woodstock High School Aviation Club, which the chapter sponsors, and the Lundahl Middle School. Chapter Vice President Beth Rehm said 35 middle school students are confirmed and she expects each will come with at least one parent. Everyone - parents and students - will have the opportunity to fly in the morning.

To keep people engaged while waiting for flights, there will be R/C aircraft demonstrations and several pilots talking about their aircraft on static display. Those aircraft include a Hiperbiplane homebuilt aerobatic biplane, a Lazair ultralight, a Christavia homebuilt (which Beth said is affectionately known around Galt as the "Chubby" because it's like a cub, but wider), and a powered parachute or two. Beth would love to have a warbird, glider, and hot-air balloon on display as well. If you're interested in participating or want more information, [e-mail Beth](#).



Jack Foersterling, pictured in a Piper Cub, hopes to begin his flight training soon.



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An interesting Eagle Project and one that is my passion as well. Nice work Jack!

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