



YOUNG EAGLES®

BUILD AND FLY PROGRAM HANDBOOK

Your guide to hosting a successful Young Eagles Build and Fly Program

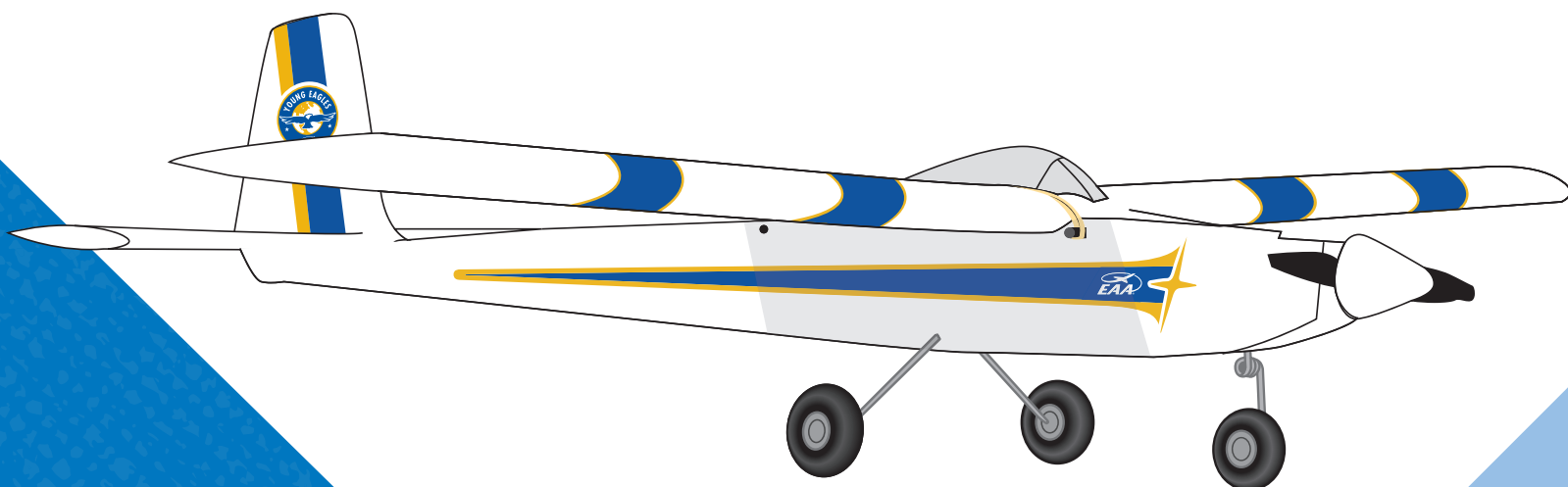


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WHAT IS THE EAA YOUNG EAGLES BUILD AND FLY PROGRAM?

The Young Eagles Build and Fly program is an intensive RC model building and flying initiative to introduce kids to aircraft construction and the fundamentals of flight. This program can either be a follow-up to or lead to an EAA Young Eagles flight for each youth participant.

The EAA is providing financial support for EAA chapters to economically purchase a modeling program in a box to engage youth with hopes it sparks thought and passion for aviation. Almost everything needed to build and fly the model is included in the box.

The build process and subsequent flight of the finished model are both equally important parts in the success of the program. We expect youth participants to learn as much during the build process as they do during the flying portion. The model should be completed through multiple build sessions, intermixing aircraft construction and flight theory into each session both at the build facility and flying field.

Relationships between EAA chapters and local AMA clubs are paramount to successful Build and Fly programs. AMA clubs are where technical expertise is found pertaining to building and flying RC model aircraft. They are also the avenue for flying the finished model at the local RC flying field.

Chapters and clubs will mutually benefit from the program's activity, youth engagement, and bringing members of both organizations together for a common program. This is an opportunity to continue individuals' interest in aviation and to gain new friendships based on this shared interest, with the potential long-term goal of becoming a pilot.

Upon completion of the program, an opportunity to mentor participating kids will expose them to the world of aviation and potentially create a lifelong modeler or full-scale pilot and aviation enthusiast.



Why Should Chapters Participate in the Young Eagles Build and Fly Program?

EAA chapters that participate in the program will benefit and share their passion for aviation in numerous ways:

- To share that passion for aviation and flight with interested youths.
- To increase chapter participation and membership at the local level, including young members, through a new pathway into aviation — modeling.
- To share EAA's knowledge and resources to new participants who are interested in flying.
- To enhance EAA's position as the local access point to aviation.

Program Goals

The primary goal of EAA's Young Eagles Build and Fly program is to grow youth participation in aviation, starting at the chapter level. To achieve this goal, the program will provide the following pathways:

- To provide a logical point of engagement following a Young Eagles experience.
- A place for kids to learn about aviation.
- A place for local EAA chapters to embrace the program and to grow chapter youth programming.
- Opportunity for local EAA members to share their aviation legacy by mentoring participants in the Young Eagles Build and Fly program.
- To create a local support group for new aviation students.
- To continue to build a sense of belonging that our EAA community is founded on.
- To provide youths the opportunity to put "mind to hand" through crafts and manual skill sets by building and then flying an aircraft model that they have completed themselves.
- To facilitate and to share aviation-related knowledge.

What are the Program Requirements for a Chapter to Participate?

Your chapter is eligible to participate in the EAA Young Eagles Build and Fly program by providing the appropriate criteria for the participants to become fully engaged in the program.

- Be an EAA chapter in good standing.
- Have an area suitable for building and storing the aircraft model.
- Ability and desire to partner with the local AMA club and solicit AMA volunteer presence for their RC expertise.
- Have all volunteers complete EAA's Youth Protection Policy training and background check. For more information visit EAA.org/YouthProtection.
- Solicit youth participation through previous Young Eagles rallies, local school programs, clubs, or other youth outlets.
- A commitment to foster the project through to completion.

HOSTING THE YOUNG EAGLES BUILD AND FLY PROGRAM

A Young Eagles Build and Fly program is typically an extended chapter activity hosted by the local EAA chapter at the local airport and at an AMA RC flying field.

- The program consists of several sessions of hands-on RC model building activities, followed by the flying of the airplane at the local AMA flying field.
- Building, learning, and flying activities are encouraged during and after the RC model is completed.
- Once completed, the aircraft provides an ongoing opportunity to teach youth to fly an RC aircraft and to learn all fundamentals of flight.

EAA chapter members and Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) club members who have the skill set to build and fly an RC aircraft will mentor students through the program. Regularly scheduled build sessions in conjunction with scheduled flying sessions will continue to keep kids and their parents engaged in the program.



YOUNG EAGLES BUILD AND FLY PROGRAM CHECKLIST

The following is a checklist to understand how to prepare to host the Young Eagles Build and Fly program. Our EAA chapters department will assist you with this program.

- Chapter identifies and creates a relationship with a local AMA club for direct participation in the program.
- Form a Build and Fly program committee
 - A small team dedicated to the planning and execution of a Young Eagles Build and Fly program will help keep event planning on track, as well as creating a group that reports directly to the chapter board on progress of the planning and program progress.
 - The planning committee should include local members of the AMA club alongside EAA chapter members.
 - The planning committee should state the goals of the Young Eagles Build and Fly program and work to accomplish those goals. Examples of goals are:
 - To successfully engage 6-10 kids in the Young Eagles Build and Fly program
 - To provide camaraderie within the chapter to foster an opportunity to grow aviation at the local level
 - To mentor kids in any aspect of aviation that interests them during the kit build process.
 - To integrate the program within existing youth programming including Young Eagles rallies.
- Select chapter build facility — chapter hangar or building, airport facility, school, or AMA club

NOTE: It is not permissible to engage in youth activity at a private residence or home. A suitable location is required to build the RC kit where the kit can remain in place throughout the duration of the build. Space is also needed to create an additional activities area such as a youth ground school or other hands-on activities. Ensure there is ample activity for the kids. Plan to have dedicated volunteers available to support the program.
- Chapter contacts the EAA chapters department to participate in the Build and Fly program.
 - A request should be made at least six weeks prior to the scheduled start of the program.
- Chapter purchases aircraft and components through the EAA chapters office.
 - Program contents may be purchased using YE credits.
- Chapter markets to and enrolls kids in the program.
- Plan and include additional related aviation activities.
- Consider providing a ground school-style curriculum for kids.
- Include other modeling activities.
- Rubber band airplanes.
- Paper airplanes.
- Include RC flight simulators.
- Include flights of Vapor RTF aircraft (included with Kit #2 - Old School Model Works Fifty Six).
- An assortment of aviation informational materials will be helpful to ensure

- continued involvement and education in the program.
- Regularly schedule build sessions to keep youth and their parents engaged.

Other Items to Think About

Program Budget

Expenses will be required to host a Young Eagles Build and Fly program. The price of the program kit from EAA costs \$400-\$500 (depending on the kit purchased) — over \$1,000 off of the MSRP price of the parts individually. Costs in securing the kit and other materials are expected along with the consideration to offer snacks such as drinks and treats on the day of the build sessions.

Program Promotion

Successful marketing during a Young Eagles rally will lead to good program engagement and raise awareness of the chapter programs. The chapter may gain new members.

Common Young Eagles Build and Fly program marketing methods:

- Young Eagles parents and children who expressed a sincere interest in aviation.
- Word of mouth by chapter members.
- Contact with the local school system.
- Bulletin board at local FBO.
- Local newspaper.
- Local news media (TV, radio).
- Social media.
- Local newsletters.

Provide Registration

Consider including a phone interview to preregister and to prescreen potential Young Eagles Build and Fly program participants to ensure their interests and intentions to participate in the event are sincere and realistic.

EAA Insurance Requirement

File for your EAA event insurance prior to participating in the program. The Young Eagles Build and Fly program is an EAA approved activity.

EAA Youth Protection Program

Chapter and club members who are directly involved in the RC build with kids will participate in the EAA Youth Protection Program. Participation in a youth protection program is an expectation from parents and guardians. For more information visit EAA.org/YouthProtection.

Memberships to EAA, AMA, Chapters, and Clubs

- EAA offers all interested parties a free six-month EAA membership through chapters. That membership can be found at: EAA.org/apps/joineaa/ChapterTrial.aspx
- All youth participants are eligible for a free EAA student membership and an AMA youth membership. For more information visit YoungEagles.org/Join
- Encourage all participants to reciprocate their EAA and AMA memberships by joining the other association and chapter/club.

YOUNG EAGLES BUILD

Program Contents

Almost everything you need to build and fly each kit is included along with an RC Flight Simulator and a Vapor Ready-to-Fly indoor airplane (included with Kit#2 - Old School Model Works Fifty Six kit only). The only things the chapter needs to provide are the volunteers, a space to house the program, and a computer and Wifi to run Real Flight (included with Kit#2 - Old School Model Works Fifty Six kit only). We also suggest the group purchases a few 2-foot by 4-foot ceiling tiles to use as building surfaces. Please note that materials will arrive in multiple packages from various vendors so if you receive a box without everything in it, don't be concerned; the rest is on the way. There are three different kit types available for purchase.

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Kit #1 – Flite Test Simple Scout XL MKR2

A gentle flying RC trainer with a wingspan measuring 58", this versatile airplane offers incredible performance and quick assembly. Constructed of pre-cut flat foam board, youth can build this airplane in two or three half-day build sessions while preparing for flight using the RC flight simulator software included. All electronics including motor, controller, servos, battery and accessories are included. Flite Test offers free video tutorials to aid in the building process.

Thanks to a discount from Flite Test, the cost to chapters for this entire kit is only \$400 plus a \$50 shipping fee. Young Eagle credits may be used to purchase the kit.

List of Contents

- Scout XL airplane kit
- Power Pack
- Battery Charger
- Extra Propeller
- Pocket Transmitter
- Receiver
- Crafty Kit – includes hot glue gun and miscellaneous tools and finishing materials
- Control Board
- Servos
- Two Batteries
- Wings Flight Simulator
- Pushrods/control linkage parts



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Kit #2 – Old School Model Works Fifty Six

A traditional light weight and easy to build 56" wingspan balsa wood RC airplane, the Fifty Six features precision laser cut parts that interlock together resulting in an uncomplicated build. The Fifty Six is finished with heat tautening covering materials and includes all electronics including motor, controller, servos, batteries and accessories provided by Horizon Hobby and DU-BRO®. This balsa kit provides an opportunity to bring kids back to the airport for a series of build sessions (about 8-10) where chapters may engage in additional aviation activity including RC flight training using the included RC flight simulator software.

Thanks to discounts from Old School Model Works, Horizon Hobby and DU-BRO®, chapters may purchase the entire package for only \$500 plus \$50 shipping. Young Eagle credits may be used to purchase the kit.

List of Contents

- Fifty Six RC airplane kit
- Propellor
- Spinner
- Motor and Mount
- Covering Materials
- Wheels
- Pushrods/control linkage parts
- Transmitter and Case
- Speed Controller
- Receiver
- Two Batteries
- Battery Charger
- Servos
- Night Vapor RTF model
- Real Flight Simulator (WiFi required)

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Kit #2a – Old School Model Works Fifty Six Supplemental Kit

If your chapter has already participated in the program by purchasing a complete Fifty Six kit, and wants to host another youth build, the chapter may purchase a supplemental kit to complete another Fifty Six build. This kit includes the components needed to build a second kit but excludes the tools, RTF model, and simulator received during the first build.

The supplemental kit is available to chapters that have previously purchased a full Fifty Six Build and Fly kit at a price of \$400, plus \$50 shipping. Young Eagle credits may be used to purchase the supplemental kit.

List of Contents

- Old School Model Works Fifty Six kit
- Propeller & Spinner
- Motor and mount
- 2 rolls of white covering material
- Wheels
- All required hardware for control surfaces
- All required electronic devices on the kit
- Batteries (2)
- Battery charger
- Li-Po charge sack (battery charging sack)

Whatever kit you choose, the goal should not be to complete the kit as quickly as possible but to allow plenty of time for mentoring and development of building skills. Consider having multiple build stations where various pieces of the aircraft are being worked on simultaneously.

In addition to the materials listed above for the kit the chapter purchases, all chapters will receive a packet of materials from EAA.

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List of materials from EAA

- Completion Certificates to provide to your participants
- Waivers/Permission Slips
- Model and Property Releases
- Feedback forms
- AMA Youth Handouts
- AeroEducate sample materials
- Nametag Sticker Sheets
- EAA and AMA stickers

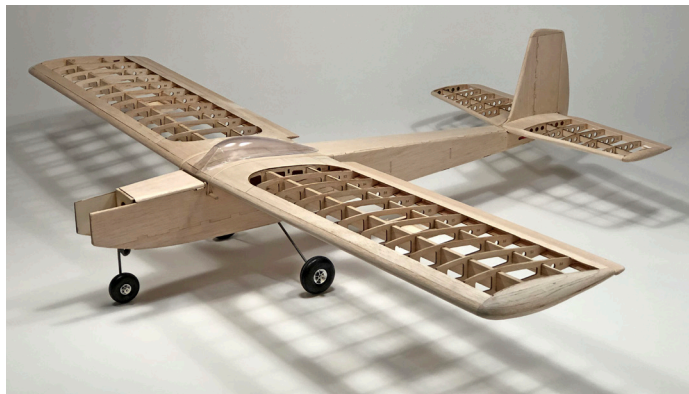
Other Key Contents:

- RC simulator — we suggest building this into your build curriculum to get both volunteers and youth participants engaged in flying RC models as quickly as possible. Note: a Wifi connection is required to run the Real Flight simulator included with Kit #2 – Old School Model Works Fifty Six.
- Ready to Fly models – The Vapor Ready to Fly model is included if you purchased Kit #2. Feel free to use other easy to fly models, building them into your curriculum to teach flight concepts early in the build and familiarize youth participants with flying techniques.

Flying Your Completed Model

One of the most exciting parts of the Build and Fly program is when the participants can watch the airplane first take flight. On subsequent flights, getting the youth directly engaged in flight training will really close the loop on the skills they learned during the build and applying them to flying the airplane.

One reason for teaming up with the local AMA club for the program is for access to their local flying site alongside their expertise in flying and training. Due FAA rules around flying RC models, we suggest the model ONLY be flown at the local AMA club flying field. Please be familiar with the AMA's Know Before You Fly program before flying the model.



EAA YOUNG EAGLES BUILD AND FLY PROGRAM FAQs

What is the Young Eagles Build and Fly program?

The Young Eagles Build and Fly program is an intensive RC model building and flying initiative designed for EAA chapters to partner with local Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) clubs to engage Young Eagles participants and other youths. The program can either lead to or follow up a Young Eagles flight and is intended to further their passion for aviation.

What is included in the kit?

Each kit includes an aircraft, along with the components and (for Kit #1 and Kit #2) the tools needed to assemble it as well as an RC simulator. Kit #2 also includes an Vapor ready-to-fly indoor RC model.

What is the cost to an EAA chapter for the kit?

The program's contents would typically retail for more than \$1,500, but thanks to the generous contributions of the Chapters Development Fund, which is supported by Peter Burgher of EAA Chapter 1093, and EAA's great relationships with AMA, Old School Model Works, DU-BRO®, and Horizon Hobby, the kits cost either \$400 or \$500 (depending on the type of kit ordered) plus shipping and handling for participating chapters.

Who is eligible for this program?

All EAA chapters and squadrons who are in good standing and have developed a relationship with a local AMA club in their area are eligible to participate in this program. Relationships between EAA chapters and local AMA clubs are paramount to successful Young Eagles Build and Fly programs. AMA clubs are where technical expertise is found pertaining to building and flying RC model aircraft. They are also the avenue for flying the finished model at the local RC aircraft flying field.

Where can we find kids to participate in the program?

Advertising a future Young Eagles Build and Fly program during a chapter's Young Eagles rally is a great way to attract families and engage them in the program. Take this opportunity to invite parents to register their kids in the program. Continued involvement in and exposure to aviation activities will help foster a lifelong involvement in aviation.

Does a chapter need to complete an EAA insurance request to participate in the program?

Yes, file for your EAA event insurance prior to participating in the program. The Young Eagles Build and Fly program is an EAA-approved activity. Only one insurance request is needed, assuming the form is completed to include all activity dates. EAA.org/EventInsurance

Does the program require volunteers and mentors to participate in EAA's Youth Protection Policy?

It is common practice and a common expectation by organizations engaging in youth programs to participate in a youth protection program. All participating adult volunteers will complete EAA's Youth Protection Policy training and background check. For more information, visit EAA.org/YouthProtection.

How long does it take to build each model?

You can expect to complete the Simple Scout XL model (Kit #1) in two or three half-day build sessions. The Old School Model Works Fifty Six (Kit #2 and 2a) can typically be completed in about 8-10 build sessions. Whatever kit you choose, the goal should not be to complete the kit as quickly as possible but to allow plenty of time for mentoring and development of building skills. Consider having multiple build stations where various pieces of the aircraft are being worked on simultaneously.

What other activities might a chapter include during the RC build program?

The program kit includes an RC simulator, and it is suggested to incorporate this into your build curriculum to get both volunteers and youth participants engaged in flying RC models as quickly as possible. A Vapor ready-to-fly indoor RC model is included with Kit #2 and may be used as curriculum to teach flight concepts early in the build and familiarize youth participants with flying techniques.

Who should build the RC airplane?

The program is designed to introduce kids to aviation typically upon completion of a Young Eagles flight. The build process and subsequent RC flight training with the finished model are both equally important parts in the success of the program. Youth participants will learn as much during the build process as they do during the flying portion, as it is the kids who will build the RC model. Through chapter mentoring, the RC model project should be completed through multiple build sessions, intermixing aircraft construction and flight theory into each session at the build facility and flying field.

Can the RC build sessions be at an EAA member's house?

It is not permissible to engage in youth activity at a private residence or home. A suitable location is required to build the RC kit where the kit can remain in place throughout the duration of the build. Space is also needed to create an additional activities area such as a youth ground school or other hands-on activities — ensure there is ample activity for the kids. Plan to have dedicated volunteers available to support the program.

Where can a chapter fly an RC airplane?

The Young Eagles Build and Fly program is intended to include a local AMA club. AMA club members will be a great source for building expertise and RC flight training, specifically an AMA flying field to use for the aforementioned flight training program post-completion of the model.

Where can we find additional information regarding the program?

For more information about the Young Eagles Build and Fly program, please visit EAA.org/YEBuildandFly and review the Young Eagles Build and Fly Program Handbook and other helpful information.

How can we find a local AMA club near us?

Please visit EAA.org/YEBuildandFly to learn more about how to find AMA clubs in your area, or visit ModelAircraft.org/Club-Finder.

What do we do with the RC model after it is completed?

Have fun flying the RC model with your youth participants by joining the local AMA club. One reason for teaming up with your local AMA club is access to their flying site alongside their expertise in flying and training. Due to FAA rules around flying RC models, we suggest the model ONLY be flown at the local AMA club flying field. Please be familiar with the AMA's Know Before You Fly program before flying the model, which can be found at KnowBeforeYouFly.org. Consider a second RC build project to continue to foster kids' interest in aviation.

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HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

Get ready to get schooled.

AMA Flight School includes free educational materials for anyone interested in unmanned aircraft.

Designed to answer the question, "How do I ...," AMA Flight School provides information about topics such as:

- Battery and operational safety.
- Building your own multirotor aircraft.
- Selecting safe locations to fly.
- Participating in the Search and Rescue challenge with UAS4STEM. (Learn more at www.uas4stem.org.)

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- Subscription to *Model Aviation* magazine
- Competition opportunities
- Scholarships
- Flying site assistance
- Government advocacy and updates

For more information, visit
www.modelaircraft.org
Become a member at
www.modelaircraft.org/joinAMA

Flying is just for fun.

Whether you call your model aircraft a drone or an unmanned aircraft, if you intend to fly for something other than recreation, there are certain requirements that must be met.

Visit the Know Before You Fly website at knowbeforeyoufly.org for more information.

Interested in commercial or public-use flying?

There are options available to you through the Federal Aviation Administration.

Visit www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started for more information.



For more information, visit
www.knowbeforeyoufly.org



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Flying guidance provided by the Academy of Model Aeronautics, the world's largest model aviation organization.

KNOW **FLY** BEFORE YOU Here's what you need to know:

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law

Follow the rules.

- Register at faadronezone.faa.gov
- Attach your FAA number onto the outside of your aircraft.



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limits

Fly within guidelines.

These include rules set forth by federal laws and guidelines recommended by the Academy of Model Aeronautics.



Fly within Federal Aviation Administration guidelines.



Do not fly beyond your visual line of sight.



Do not fly in high wind or during times of reduced visibility.



Do not fly over or within 25 feet of bystanders.



Do not fly near stadiums, large open-air events, or critical infrastructure (correctional facilities, utilities, water treatment, etc.).

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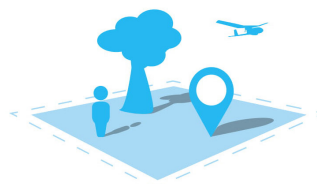
surroundings

Know the conditions.

Don't fly your unmanned aircraft near bystanders or during emergency situations such as wildfires, medical evacuations, or search-and-rescue operations unless authorized by the proper authorities.

Avoid potential hazards in your environment and be watchful for:

- Manned aircraft
- Pedestrians
- Moving vehicles
- Busy roadways
- Obstacles
- Power lines
- Deteriorating weather



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airspace

Share the sky.

The Federal Aviation Administration currently expects unmanned aircraft operators to:

- Stay within Visual Line Of Site (VLOS).
 - See and avoid manned aircraft.
 - Be aware of Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) that affect the operation of unmanned or remote controlled aircraft.
- You can find information on current TFRs at www.modelaircraft.org, www.faa.gov, and by following @modelaircraft on Twitter.
- Be aware of airspace restrictions.





During any part of the Young Eagles Build and Fly program, please do not hesitate to contact EAA headquarters with any questions or concerns that you may have at **chapters@eaa.org**. Enjoy the build process, flying the finished model, and introducing countless new kids and adults alike to the world of aviation!