



Workshops

PROGRAM HANDBOOK

An introduction to the EAA Young Eagles Workshops program, designed for EAA chapters to offer hands-on activities for youths ages 11 to 17.





“EAA means many things to many people, but one thing for sure is the happiness it has created through aviation for so many people.”

Paul Poberezny, EAA Sport Aviation, May 1986





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The Sporty's Foundation appreciates the opportunity to partner with EAA to deliver exciting aviation content to youth through the EAA Young Eagles Workshops. We are thankful for the EAA chapters that volunteer their time and talent to help young people discover, develop, and pursue their aviation dreams.

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What Is the EAA Young Eagles Workshops Program?

The EAA Young Eagles Workshops program provides an opportunity for EAA chapters to offer youth who are of school age (approximately 11 to 17) an opportunity to learn about aviation in a social setting at a local airport. EAA Young Eagles Workshops can be a one-day or multiple-day experience geared toward introducing kids to the basic elements of airplanes and aviation.

Through various classroom-style learning and hands-on activities, EAA Young Eagles Workshops provide emotional, creative, social, and educational growth to kids, with EAA chapter members serving as aviation counselors. Workshops focus on specialized aviation content and materials to offer kids so they embrace aviation as a potential recreational or career path as they mature.

EAA provides content, materials, and a guidebook for offering workshops. Content and materials include learning modules on a variety of aviation subject matter, activity worksheets, and interactive activities such as hands-on building and fabricating projects and role-playing related to piloting.





Why Should Chapters Participate?

- EAA Young Eagles Workshops provide chapters with opportunities to invite youths to revisit the airport and engage with the local EAA chapter as a follow-on activity after a Young Eagles rally or other chapter event. Having a Young Eagles flight prior to engaging in a workshop is not required.
- EAA chapters that participate in the program will benefit in numerous ways:
 - > To share the passion for aviation and flight with interested youths.
 - > To increase chapter participation and membership at the local level, specifically young members, through a new entry point into aviation — EAA Young Eagles Workshops.
 - > To share EAA's knowledge and resources with youth who are interested in flying.
 - > To enhance EAA's position as the local access point to aviation.
 - > To provide a direct pathway to chapter members who are specifically interested in mentoring youth in aviation-related activities.



Program Goals

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

- A logical point of engagement following or leading to a Young Eagles experience.
- A place for kids to learn about aviation.
- A place for local EAA chapters to embrace the program, grow chapter youth programming, and facilitate and share aviation-related knowledge.
- An opportunity for local EAA members to share their aviation legacy by mentoring participants in the Young Eagles Workshops program.
- A local group of young people to continue to participate in future EAA chapter programs and activities.
- A sense of belonging, which our EAA community is founded on.
- The opportunity for young people to grow emotionally, creatively, socially, and educationally through workshop activities.

What Are the Program Requirements for a Chapter to Participate?

Your chapter is eligible to participate in the EAA Young Eagles Workshops program by achieving the following:

- Be an EAA chapter in good standing.
- Have an area suitable for hosting EAA Young Eagles Workshops.
- Have an adequate space for classroom-style learning, such as a clean, comfortable hangar with restrooms. **Note:** EAA youth activities are not permitted at members' homes.
- Comply with EAA's Youth Protection Policy training and background check. For more information, visit www.EAA.org/YouthProtection.
- Solicit youth participation through previous Young Eagles rallies, local school programs, clubs, or other youth outlets.
- A commitment to foster the program to ensure a great experience for the kids.
- A commitment to staff the program according to EAA Youth Protection Policy program requirements.



Hosting an EAA Young Eagles Workshops Program

An EAA Young Eagles Workshops program is typically an extended chapter activity hosted by the local EAA chapter at the local airport.

The program consists of one or more day sessions of classroom-style and hands-on activities.

- Chapters have the option to elect to offer a partial-day event, a full-day event, or multiple-day events. Sleepover events are not permitted.

Chapters will select from a variety of EAA-provided learning modules, available on the following subjects:

- About Airplanes
- Aerodynamics of Flight
- Compass Headings
- Flight Instruments
- Aviation Weather
- Communications
- Traffic Pattern
- Aircraft Engines
- Pilotage/Sectional Charts
- Weight and Balance Basics
- Aircraft Building
- Aviation Career or Hobby

Breakout workshops and activities are provided and encouraged.

- Chapter members who are experienced in aviation disciplines will act as the presenters of the material. A variety of presenters is suggested.
- Chapters can elect to divide the kids into groups and participate at different stations, or engage the kids as a single group. Depending on the number of kids and mentors present, the chapter will consider how to offer the kids the best learning experience.

Pre-Event Tasks

The following checklist will help you get started in identifying all of the details to consider when preparing to host an EAA Young Eagles Workshops event. Our EAA chapters department will assist you in planning your event. Please contact EAA at chapters@eaa.org.

Reference the **EAA Young Eagles Workshops Guidebook** for detailed information.

- Register your EAA Young Eagles Workshops event.**
- Organize an event committee.**
- Establish your goals.**
- Identify the facility.**
- File for EAA event insurance.**
- Create an event budget.**
- Provide a registration method.**
- Ensure a participation waiver is included and used.**
- Develop an event operating plan:**
 - Setup
 - Chapter greeter
 - Event signage/car parking
 - Volunteer safety briefing



Outline of an EAA Young Eagles Workshop

Reference the **EAA Young Eagles Workshops Guidebook** for detailed information.

Typical Event Agenda

- **Event Check-In**

Check in participants and welcome guests as they arrive. Provide information to the parents on the planned activities.

Ensure participation waivers are signed and collected.

- **Group Introductions**

Make opening comments, including event ground rules to ensure rules and expectations are followed.

Introduce mentors and participants.

- **Program Activities**

Host your participants using EAA materials provided.

Offer break times.

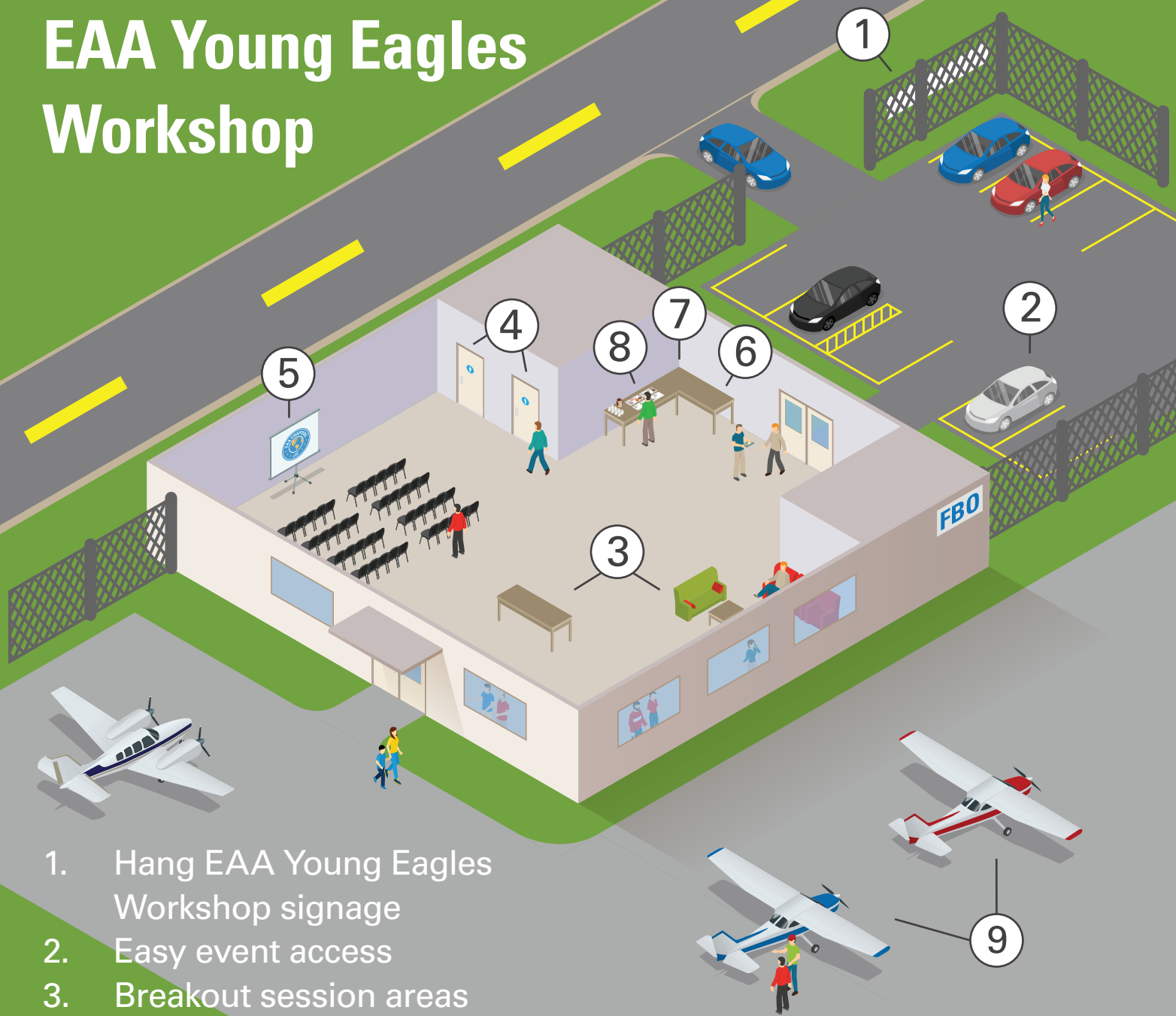
Consider lunch options.

- **Post-Flight Engagement with Participants and Parents**

Ensure all participants and parents are welcomed to future chapter events, meetings, and membership.

For questions and comments, please contact EAA headquarters office by email at **chapters@eaa.org**.

Anatomy of an EAA Young Eagles Workshop



1. Hang EAA Young Eagles Workshop signage
2. Easy event access
3. Breakout session areas
4. Restrooms
5. Classroom-style area for presentations
6. Event sign-in and welcome area
7. EAA promotional materials
8. Food and snack area
9. Hands-on learning at aircraft



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