



Year-Round Programs for Pilots, Youths

The EAA Education Center opened its doors to the public on July 12, 2022, with a ribbon cutting ceremony that marked the beginning...

The two-story, 30,000 square-foot addition to the EAA Aviation Museum supports aviation education and training. Inside is the Pilot Proficiency Center (PPC), Youth Education Center (YEC), and Conference Center.

“The Education Center was built to enhance aviation education for kids and pilots unlike any other facility,” EAA CEO and Chairman of the Board Jack Pelton said. “Part of EAA’s mission is to grow aviation participation by promoting The Spirit of Aviation, and I think we are doing just that with the educational and technological advancements that we now have available in this new facility. Thank you to the donors that believed in our vision and made it a reality.”

The PPC helps individuals become better pilots. The center features Redbird flight simulators with advanced technology that simulates real-life training scenarios and improves decision-making skills.

The PPC hosted numerous full-capacity sessions during AirVenture Oshkosh that featured clinics that incorporated Redbird flight simulators in scenarios that ranged from mountain flying techniques to emergency flight procedures. It gave instructors an opportunity to collect substantial information on what clinics are most appealing



to pilots who want to improve their flying and decision-making skills.

The Youth Education Center has five tech labs and four modifiable classrooms for project-based activities for youth, their parents, and teachers. After its opening, the education department saw great success. There were 2,457 students and scouts in various education programs, 85 girls participated in GirlVenture, and 80 teachers attended Teacher Day.

Other events such as Homeschool Half-Days and Saturday Sessions began after the opening of the Education Center. In addition, activities during Space Day, Christmas in the Air, and Winter Flight Fest were hosted in the new space.

The Education Center continues to provide year-round experiences supporting the next generation of aviation enthusiasts in a state-of-the-art facility.