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Dear Young Eagle Volunteer:

This year promises to be a great one for the Young Eagles program! We are rapidly approaching the 1.3 million Young Eagle mark and this summer we will celebrate the 15th anniversary of the program. In addition, there are some exciting anniversary events planned for AirVenture, so plan now to join us in Oshkosh at the end of July.

Last month, we also fended off an unforeseen challenge to the program through the new Air Tour rules (specifically 91.146 and 91.147). While the rules were intended to regulate air tours and charity airlifts, the preamble to the rule specifically mentioned EAA Young Eagles and cited an exemption we had held since 2000. The exemption allowed private pilots to receive compensation for flying Young Eagles. The rule writers incorrectly assumed that **ALL** Young Eagle flights were operated under this exemption. The rule, as written, would have seriously limited the number of pilots who could participate and the number of times a pilot could participate each year.

Through swift action and cooperation between the EAA Young Eagles and Government Relations offices, we were able to meet with FAA officials and work to eliminate this threat to the Young Eagles program. A letter from FAA clarified their position on Young Eagles (attached). This also provides an opportunity for EAA to clarify when a Young Eagle activity may fall within the new rules. We have prepared a chart to help sort through the most common events that may occur during Young Eagle activities.

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While the immediate threat has passed, I ask all EAA members to step forward to support the Young Eagles program in any way they can. By increasing participation, we can continue to demonstrate leadership in general aviation and our investment in aviation's future.

If you have any questions, please contact our office and, between the Young Eagles and Government Relations staff, we'll help sort out the answer. We will also host a forum at Sun 'n Fun on April 19. This rule will be among the topics discussed.

The best is yet to come this year for Young Eagles. The spring and summer flying season will soon be upon us. International Young Eagles Day is Saturday, June 9, and EAA AirVenture Oshkosh is just a few short months away.

We look forward to your participation in the program this year. Young Eagles is one of EAA's most successful programs, as it brings pilots and young people together for a common experience. As stated by Chairman Harrison Ford, "Each Young Eagle flight is an opportunity to excite kids by sharing a passion for flight and to show them that they, too, can learn the skills to participate in aviation."

Sincerely,

EAA Young Eagles Program

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Buss". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "B".

Steve Buss
Executive Director

YOUNG EAGLE FLIGHTS

Activity	Falls under established Young Eagles Guidelines	Falls under new Air Tour Rules (91.146/91.147)
One-on-one Young Eagle flights	YES	NO
Chapter-sponsored Young Eagle flight rally	YES	NO
Chapter-sponsored Young Eagle flight rally, pilots reimbursed for fuel, oil, aircraft expenses or pilot's time	NO	YES
Young Eagle flights at an airport open house (free admission)	YES	NO
Young Eagle flights at an event (admission charged)	YES (As long as pilots are not being compensated)	NO
Fuel Discounts	YES	NO
Donations accepted for Young Eagle flight	NO	YES
Tax Deduction for participating in Young Eagle flights	NO	YES
"Donating" a Young Eagles flight for a charity auction/fundraiser	NO	YES
Young Eagle Pilot Guidelines		
Appropriate Airmen's Certificate (Sport Pilot or higher) Current Medical Certificate (if applicable) EAA National Membership 90-day currency in aircraft used Current Flight Review Aircraft Passenger Liability Insurance for aircraft used (Owned or non-owned policy).		
Air Tour Rules		
Refer to FAR 91.146 and 91.147 (Available on FAA's web site)		