

## Young Eagles



Volunteers from EAA Chapter One conduct free introductory flights for the Young Eagles program. The exciting aviation program is for

youngsters 8 to 17 years old and the program is done once a month by **reservation only**.

## Air Academy



3-day Air Academy programs for middle and high school students, giving them a broad introduction to aviation science including weather, navigation,

and the principals of flight. Programs include a number of hands-on activities and culminate in an EAA Chapter One Young Eagles airplane flight. Over the last 5 years, the Tom Wathen Center had graduated over 1,500 students.

## Restoration Projects

In these projects, small groups of young people under close and expert adult supervision rebuild airplanes. "We believe that restoration projects like



this give high school students an opportunity to focus their interests and energies on positive life-enhancing programs," said Tom Wathen. "The airplane builds the kids, not the other way around."

## Pilot Training

The pilot training program is unique and highly prized by our students. It involves the subsidization through scholarships of flight lessons to those stu-



dents who qualify for the program. The program has already produced numerous private pilots, many of whom have gone on to the nation's top schools and universities.

**OUR MISSION:** The Tom Wathen Center uses the fascination of flight to inspire the love of learning for successful careers and satisfying lives. We include all people, especially youth, veterans, and the disadvantaged and challenged. At our historic Flabob Airport, there is excitement in working with the head, hand and heart, side by side with pilots, craftsmen and innovators in an authentic workplace. We preserve and disseminate the history of aviation, and encourage and nourish the designers, builders and innovators of tomorrow.



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**Notice Of Nondiscriminatory Policy** - The Tom Wathen Center admits students and youth of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the Tom Wathen Center. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and all other programs offered by it.



## Group Field Trip Program

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



**Finish your field trip at  
our newly renovated  
Flabob Airport Cafe.**

**2 Hours ~ \$60 (Max. 30 in a Group)**

### **Tour the inside of our Historic 1943 “Flabob Express” DC-3**

Go back in history to flight in 1943. Participants will have the opportunity to sit in seats that Winston Churchill and members

of the British Royal Family are rumored to have sat in during its initial tour of duty. Hear the history of the Flabob Express. Share the luxury of flight and envision life from another time period.



**1943 “Flabob Express” DC-3**



**Award winning replicas of the 1930's racing airplanes**

### **Tour of Repeat Aircraft Hangar**

A tour of some of the most accurate flying replicas of 1930's racing airplanes complete with fun facts about their history. The tour includes a 1936 Caudron (won the 1936 National Air Race in Los An-

geles), a 1939 Meteor (won the 1938 Thompson Trophy Race, a 1936 Firecracker (won the 1937 National Air Race in St. Louis) and a 1934 de Havilland DH.88 Comet Racer (won the 1934 MacRobertson Trophy Race from London to Melbourne).

### **Tour of the Wright Flyer Hangar**

Come and see the replica of the 1903 Wright Flyer that has been built by more than 20 volunteers working mainly on Saturday mornings for 12 years. This is the second Wright Flyer Project since

1979, and the third since 1953. The original replica Flyer was destroyed by a fire in the San Diego Aerospace Museum. Hear about our story with the Wright Flyer and the rich history of Hangar 9, home of the 1903 replica.



**Replica of 1903 Wright Flyer**