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Important changes to the Young Eagle credits program for 2009

What's new?

Three changes are taking place in 2009:

1. Increased value of Young Eagles credits, from \$1 to \$5 each.
2. Expanded ways to use Young Eagles credits.
3. Changes to how credits are issued and redeemed

Expansion of funding

Great news! Thanks to an exceptionally successful "Gathering of Eagles" fundraiser at AirVenture 2008, this year we are able to expand the credit program. In 2009, Young Eagles credits will be valued at \$5, rather than the \$1 of past years.

Approved uses of Young Eagles credits

Increased program funding also allows us to expand the approved uses of Young Eagles credits, to include the following:

- EAA Air Academy Scholarships
As in past years, we strongly encourage Chapters to pool their credits to help send young people for the "aviation experience of a lifetime" at the EAA Air Academy summer camp in Oshkosh. There are two changes that will assist these efforts:
 - Young Eagles credits can now cover up to 100% of Air Academy tuition.
 - Young Eagles credits can also be used to support the transportation cost of sending children to the Air Academy.
- Support of local Young Eagles activities
EAA Chapters may also apply for cash reimbursement of costs directly associated with the promotion, enhancement and execution of their local Young Eagles activities.
 - Examples include:
 - Provision of hands-on activities at a Young Eagles rally (supplies for wing rib building, flight simulators, etc);
 - Promotion of a Young Eagles rally (banners, posters, promotional materials, hand-outs, etc).

- Operational and safety items (banner rope, cones, vests, printer for printing certificates and/or photos of Young Eagles).
 - Unfortunately credits cannot currently be used for the compensation of individuals, for the provision or subsidy of fuel and oil, for construction projects, for flight instruction, or for any other activities that are not directly associated with the promotion, enhancement or execution of a local Young Eagles activity. If you have a question about a potential expense, please consult the Young Eagles office for guidance.
- Return the credits to EAA
If you wish, you may turn the credits back to EAA who will use them to enhance the general Air Academy scholarship fund - - facilitating the attendance of a young person at Air Academy.

How credits are issued and redeemed

- Qualification
There is no change to the qualification for credits. Pilots who fly and register 10 or more Young Eagles in the prior calendar year are awarded one credit for each flight. For example, if a pilot flew and registered 10 Young Eagles during 2008, they would receive 10 credits for 2009; if they flew 58 Young Eagles they would receive 58 credits, etc.
- EAA Chapters
A new procedure will be in place for Chapters in 2009. EAA will issue a single voucher containing the total credits earned by that Chapter's pilots during 2008. This credit will be kept "on account" at EAA headquarters. To redeem these credits, the attached form should be used.
- Pilots not associated with a Chapter
Pilots not associated with an EAA Chapter will be issued a credit letter as in past years. Individual pilots can use the credits to help send a child to the Air Academy, or return the credits to EAA. Please note that individual pilots cannot participate directly in the cash reimbursement program. However, individual pilots may gift their credits to an EAA Chapter, to assist that Chapter's activities.
- Expiration of credits
2008 credits can only be used for the 2009 Air Academy program. Credits cannot be used for the 2010 Air Academy. For support of local Young Eagles activities, the expiration date is December 31, 2009.

Future years

This year's expanded funding and programming is the result of some exceptionally

successful fundraising efforts in 2008. We hope this will be something that could occur every year. However, especially in tough economic times we may need to face the reality that 2009 is a one-off "dividend" year.

We sincerely thank the many individuals and companies who stepped forward to donate the funds that are helping to expand the Young Eagles credit program in 2009. In so doing, they have helped EAA Chapters and members foster and promote aviation among young people.