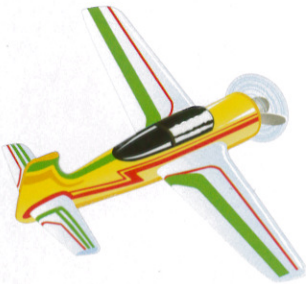




Young Eagles Rally

Free Plane Rides



Free Plane Rides
For Kids



Burlington Airport

May, 18, 2014

Sponsored by: United Way & Youth
as Resources Grant



Person *Eric Beets*

Name of Youth Group

Burlington High School DRIVEN Leadership Program



THE BEGINNING***

What is your project idea?

The Young Eagles rally at the Burlington Municipal Airport gave kids between the ages of 8 and 17 the opportunity to get a completely free airplane ride. Plus, the Young Eagles experience will continue after the flight by offering further resources for kids to get into aviation. They can take advantage of an online ground school (a \$200 value) which provides all of the information that a pilot needs to know during their flight training. The EAA also pays for the child to take the \$100 FAA knowledge exam, and for their first flight lesson.

While the primary focus was to give free flights to kids between the ages of 8 and 17, we also brought aviation experiences to the younger kids who were unable to fly. During the rally we offered activities such as coloring pages, airplane walk-arounds, and had an airplane photo board to spark interest in the younger children. Finally, there was also hot dogs and brats grilled and given away during the rally to attract more people and allow for a comfortable environment.

What community need or problem does your project address?

The aviation community is facing a large pilot shortage in the future, and to address this, we must inspire our youth to pursue aviation. Furthermore, aviation has the ability to teach kids skills to be applied in other occupations. Becoming a pilot is extremely rewarding, and an experience that everyone should understand as obtainable. This Young Eagles rally was the first step toward getting kids interested and excited about aviation.

Why is this issue important to your group?

This issue is very important due to the population's reliance on aviation. Through this rally, we attempted to educate the public about general aviation. Furthermore, we attempted to instill the sense of necessity for aviation and pilots. Not only is aviation used for commercial travel, but hundreds of businesses use aviation everyday to allow for their success. It is also a recreational activity for some people, like me, who use aviation as a way to see the world from a different perspective. Everyone is affected by aviation, even in a small community like Burlington.

How did your group determine that this is an important community need or problem?

I am a pilot who knows that one flight in a child's life is enough to influence their whole life, and possibly inspire them to pursue aviation. I know that aviation has changed my life for the better, and I hope that this rally did the same thing for other kids. My passion for aviation makes me want to share aviation with every child and teen that I am able to because I think that it is a worthwhile investment in their future.



Where in Racine County will your project take place?

The Young Eagles rally will be hosted at the Burlington Municipal Airport. The area will be set up right on the tarmac where attendants will be able to watch their children, brothers, sisters, and friends takeoff and land, an experience that not many get to have.

How many people will benefit/receive service from your project?

We are projecting to fly about 100 kids.



How will you determine if your project has successfully addressed a community need or problem?

Our success will be greatly determined by the number of young eagles that we fly. A baseline target for number of young eagles would be 60. Flying this many kids would successfully spread the word of EAA, and influence more conversation of general aviation. Furthermore, each kid may inspire another one of their friends or classmates to get a Young Eagles flight after the rally date through youngeagles.org.





Explain your project timeline step-by-step. Include major project activities and target completion dates.

So far I have teamed up with the Palmyra EAA chapter, who has agreed to supply airplanes and pilots. As the date approaches, we will print posters to be spread throughout schools and the community. Furthermore, I will have volunteer t-shirts made, as well as order the required supplies, which have been further outlined in the budget. Within the week before the rally, I will be holding a meeting for the non-pilot volunteers to educate them about the airport and the operations that will be happening on the rally date. Finally, everything will come together on May 18 and the rally will commence with food, flying, and fun



Young Eagles Rally (Free Airplane Ride)

Sunday, May 18 10:00a to 2:00p

at Burlington Municipal Airport, Burlington, WI

Free airplane rides will be available to kids between the ages of 8 and 17 on May 18 at the Burlington Municipal Airport. The event, funded by the United Way and Youth as Resources grant will also provide food to families whose children are receiving airplane rides and other activities to do while waiting on the ground....

Price Free

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Free Airplane Rides!

For kids between 8 and 17 with parent signature (parent must be present).

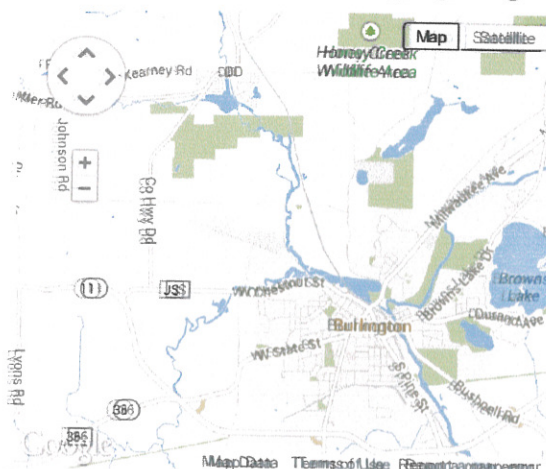
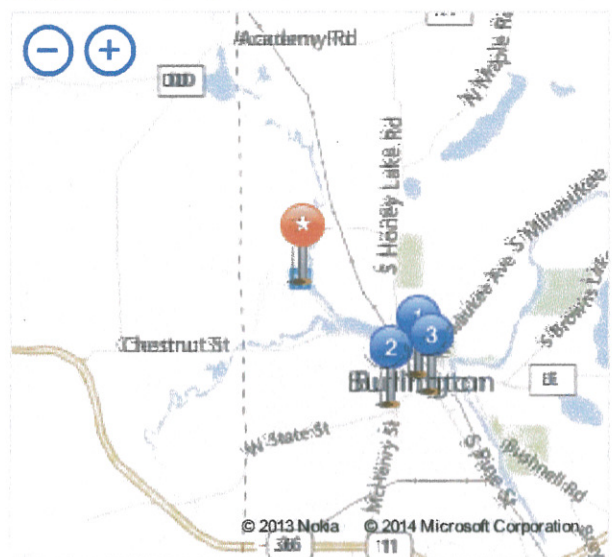
Food will be available to participants and their families.

Weather permitting // Rain date: Sunday, June 1, 2014

For more information visit 222.YoungEagles.org

Location & Nearby Info

[Burlington Municipal Airport](#) Bieneman Rd Burlington, WI 53105



Burlington Municipal Airport
703 Airport Dr.
Burlington Wisconsin 53105
United States
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EAA Chapter 1177 & The United Way

Contact Phone:
262.763.6044

CHAMBER

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POSTERS

How will you tell the community about your project?

I hope to take advantage of as many advertising avenues as I can to get the word out about this project. I have designed posters that will be posted throughout the community, in schools, and stores. I will also be getting in contact with the Burlington Elementary and Intermediate schools, as well as other districts, to spread the word to those students through handouts, and brochures. Finally I will be contacting local newspapers, local radio, and using word of mouth to achieve the greatest turnout that I can on May 18.

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How will you acknowledge United Way of Racine County and Youth As Resources as a funder of your project?

We intend on displaying the logos of our sponsors on the back of the volunteer t-shirts, as well as on any other posters or banners that we can fit it onto. Acknowledging the people who make this event possible will be a very high priority because we appreciate every dollar that we get to make this event possible. Furthermore, we are always open to suggestions on how you would like to be acknowledged for this rally.

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How have youth been involved in planning your project?

I am a high school student and the primary organizer of this event. I have and will oversee this project from start to finish. This includes every aspect of planning from conception to execution. Matt Nie, Matt Behringer, and Mike Dean have been the adults overseeing the project, and making sure that we are sticking to our timeline. Even with their help, the event will be staffed by high school students and only supervised by adults.



How will youth work in partnership with adults to complete your project? What is the specific role of the adults?

Adults have taken a similar role as students in the completion of this project. There will be adults at the rally to fly the airplanes, supervise the other volunteers, and supervise the event as a whole. Furthermore, I have consulted with adults on how to make the rally a success, including the president of the Palmyra EAA Chapter and the Burlington Airport manager.

How will youth be involved in implementing your project?

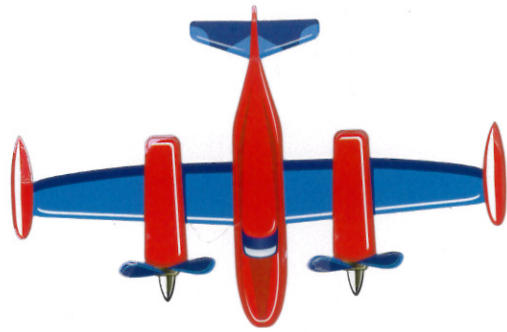
DRIVEN students will be the primary volunteers in making this project a success. Between 10 and 20 students will be in charge of various portions of the rally. Some will be working registration, others will be parking cars, keeping the grounds safe, and keeping the whole operation safe. Finally I am a high school student who has been the primary one responsible for this project.

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My name is Eric Beets, I am a high school student, but foremost, I am a FAA Certified Private Pilot. I have been involved in aviation for the past 6 years and have become well acquainted with the Young Eagles program. They Young Eagles got me to where I am today, and I hope to give the same experience to other kids in the community.

↓ ME



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Is there anything else we should know about your project?

This Young Eagles rally will be an amazing event for Racine county and the surrounding areas. People will drive great distances for this event to receive such a great experience, and I am excited to be the one to offer it to the people of Racine, Walworth, and surrounding counties.

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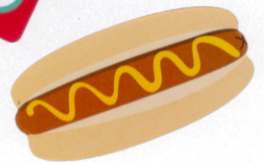
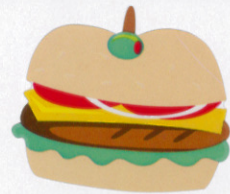
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How did you feel after completing your project? What did you learn about yourself through it?

Accomplished for putting on an event that served over 300 people and gave airplane rides to about 130 kids.

I learned how to be an event coordinator and how to deal with the expectations of the public







When completing this project, what went really well?

- We had the right amount of food and space for everyone.
- We had enough pilots show up
- We were prepared for anything to happen



What was the most challenging part of your project and why?
Making sure that everything was going to come together at the right time and place
Staying in contact with the pilots and volunteers

COOPERATION



Describe any roadblocks that your group faced during the project and adjustments you made to overcome them.

- The picnic tables were delivered early and in the wrong spot, so we had to move them all the day before
- There were a lot of families waiting at the door, so we had to put as many kids in each airplane as we could



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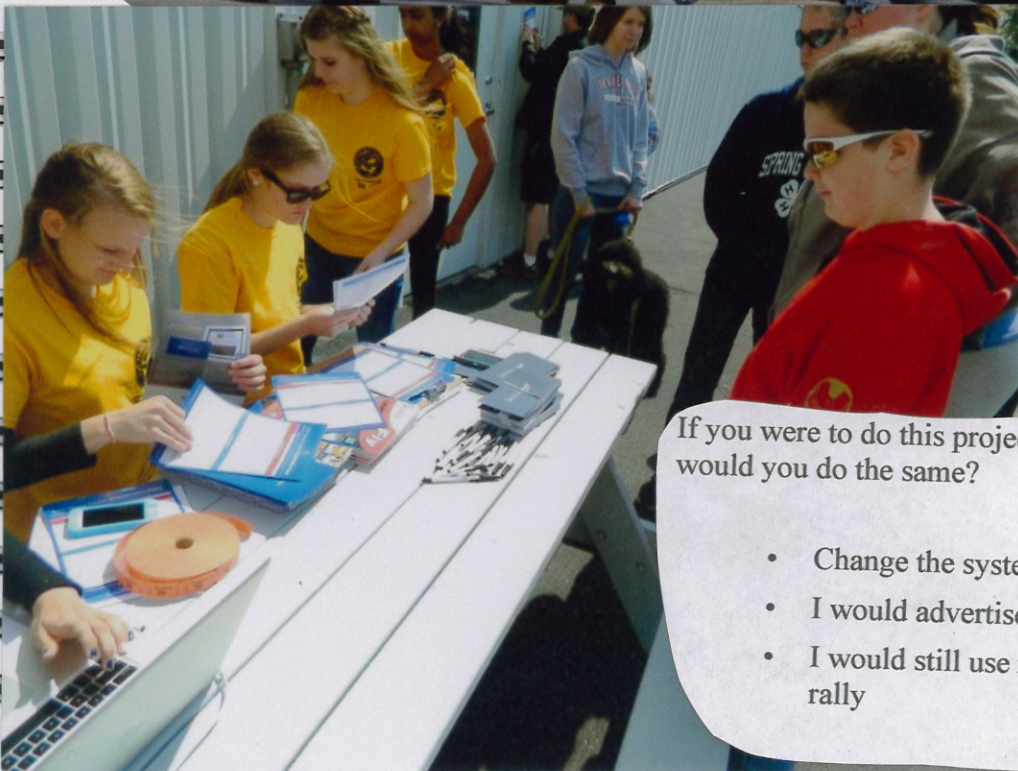
- What was the best part of your project and why?
• Seeing the kids' smiles after their flights





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If you were to do this project again, what changes would you make and what would you do the same?

- Change the system of registration to move things along more quickly
- I would advertise in the same ways because we had a great turnout
- I would still use my connections to get pilots and volunteers to the rally



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