Frequently Asked Questions

**What age range is the program for?**

While the program is designed for adults ages 18 and up, this question is up to you. We have had a number of chapters that have had young adults (ages 15 and up) attend. This is a judgement call that is up to your chapter based upon the individual circumstances. Should your chapter wish to include someone younger than 18, you will use a Young Eagles form in place of the EAA Eagle Flight form and ensure the parent or guardian has signed the form. Don’t forget that pilots who fly with people under 18 will have to abide by all Young Eagles and Youth Protection rules for the flight.

**Can we bring a social club or an educational class to the event?**

While you could advertise and recruit attendees from a social club or educational class, Flying Start is designed for participants who have an interest in learning more about taking the next step toward flight. Automatically entering all participants from a social club or educational class could result in participants who may not be as committed to entering the aviation community. If a participant is on the fence they are a perfect attendee, but we don’t want to cast too wide of a net.

**How many people should we allow at our event?**

Most chapters allow 15-30 participants, but there is no set number. Remember, the more participants you have, the more resources you need. The goal is to introduce new people to aviation, EAA and our chapter network with a positive experience they will never forget. Treat this event like it is their first date with aviation, because it is!

**Who will we need to run a Flying Start event?**

You will need a variety of chapter volunteers like any other chapter event you put on. In addition you will want to pay close attention to a couple key volunteers:

1. Event Coordinator

Like any event you will need someone with good organizational skill to run and coordinate your event. They will be handling everything from planning to organizing supplies, and leading volunteers

1. Event Emcee and Presenter(s)

These volunteers are especially important. Your chapter will be making a first impression to many new people who are interested in aviation and this could be their first encounter with the aviation community. These volunteers should be personable, upbeat, and at ease working a room.

1. Eagle Flight Pilots

Flying is fun and exciting! Sure, there are challenges in GA today, but for the most part, we have it pretty darn good compared to other countries. For most of these participants, this is their first encounter with flight. Eagle Flight pilots should be positive, encouraging, and excited to introduce newcomers to flight.

**How far in advance should we plan our Flying Start event?**

We find that chapters have the easiest time planning their event when they select a date eight weeks in advance. Remember, you will be using this time to bring together all your volunteers, order supplies, and market your event to the public!

**How long should our Flying Start event last?**

We find that participants are most receptive to an event that lasts no more then 4-5 hours for the entire event, and no more then 1-1.5 hours for the presentation. Use the other time in your event for social time, to answer questions one-on-one, and for EAA Eagle Flights.

**Do we have insurance for our Flying Start event?**

Yes! Your chapter’s insurance is part of its annual renewal with EAA and Flying Start events are covered under that insurance. To activate this coverage for your Flying Start event, you will need to fill out the Chapter Insurance Request form online. Visit [www.EAA.org/ChapterInsurance](http://www.EAA.org/ChapterInsurance)

**Should we have food at our event?**

Absolutely! Chapters have told us for years that food does wonders for their events. Food is the great equalizer, it makes it much easier for participants and volunteers to relax and get to know each other, plus it is a draw for participants and volunteers alike. “An army marches on its stomach” – Napoleon (And so does your chapter!)