



31,772

**AeroEducate
Activities Completed**



256

**Air Academy
Attendees**



22,000+

**KidVenture
Participants**

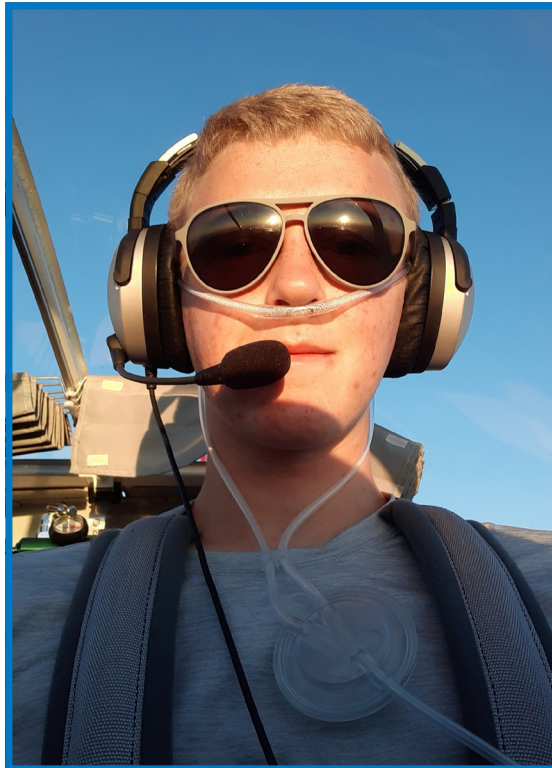


11,568

**Youth Museum
Admissions**

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AEROEDUCATE PROGRAM MAKES STRIDES FORWARD



Careful curation and development have gone into EAA's AeroEducate program to broaden all youths' access to the world of aviation. AeroEducate works in cooperation with organizations around the world in order to inspire youths.

The program allows students to explore and develop their interests in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and earn badges along the way.

The badging program includes four elemental badges: Flight, Careers, Community Involvement, and Aviation Science and Technology. After earning all four badges, students receive an overall badge for their age

group. Students are grouped in grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

Students in grades 9-12 can earn a capstone badge as well. To earn this badge, they must create a career plan to chart their course after high school, apply to aviation career training/education programs, apply for aviation training scholarships, and develop an aviation-based résumé.

Grant Hamblin, a junior at Woods Cross High School in Woods Cross, Utah, is one of 10 students actively working to complete their capstone project after earning the preliminary badges.

"Currently I want to work toward becoming an airline pilot," Grant said. "I am also interested in aircraft design and maintenance."

Grant said he enjoys placing on the leaderboard of current AeroEducate students while working through the badges.

"My favorite badge to earn was to build an RC plane," Grant said. "I loved it because it was a good challenge that taught me a lot of principles of aviation."

Grant recommends the AeroEducate program to other students because it has given him all sorts of opportunities to succeed.

"I really like how there are activities that suit all ages," Grant said. "Overall, AeroEducate has been a great experience and I'm grateful for the opportunity."

At the end of February 2024, a total of 33,633 AeroEducate activities, including Young Eagles flights, have been completed since the program's start in July 2022. An impressive 1,178 badges have been earned, with more near completion.