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Middle- and high-school students to benefit as EAA AeroEducate and STEM Flights join to offer aviation education and career resources

(WINCHESTER, VA) 11 December 2024 – STEM Flights and the Experimental Aircraft Association’s (EAA) AeroEducate program have joined forces to reach more students and provide workforce development for aviation and aerospace industries.

“Our relationship with AeroEducate will give our students the ability to enroll in a robust virtual program in which they can continue their aviation journey and discover new career pathways,” said Dave Brubaker, Founder and Chairman of STEM Flights. “AeroEducate is a significant addition to our current STEM Flight Following™ program, giving students who fly with us access to greatly expanded resources and programming that only AeroEducate provides,” noted Brubaker.

EAA's AeroEducate program, formally launched at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022, is a bold new program that opens a wide spectrum of possibilities that is interactive, educational, and engaging for young people ages 5 to 18 years old. AeroEducate's web-based resource provides clear, age-appropriate pathways to aviation and aerospace engagement, and even career paths. STEM Flights is a national nonprofit providing free flight experiences for middle and high school students. Under the new agreement, STEM Flights students will have the opportunity to enroll in AeroEducate programs, and qualifying AeroEducate students will have the opportunity to take a flight with STEM Flights.

Both STEM Flights and AeroEducate offer teachers & other youth educators the opportunity to download aerospace related curriculum for use in their classrooms. These courses are available now and are being used by thousands of students in classrooms across America.

Officials from STEM Flights and Aeroeducate have built this initiative to give students the resources they need to enter the aviation industry, either as a pilot or one of the hundreds of other jobs in aerospace and STEM related careers.

About EAA

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is based in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and embodies The Spirit of Aviation through the world's most engaged community of aviation enthusiasts. EAA's 300,000 members and 900 local chapters enjoy the fun and camaraderie of sharing their passion for flying, building and restoring recreational aircraft. For more information on EAA and its programs, call 800-JOIN-EAA (800-564-6322) or go to <http://www.eaa.org>.

About STEM Flights

STEM Flights is a non-profit organization that provides customized aviation education and flight experiences to facilitate learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Our mission is to create positive experiences in general aviation, and inspire America's youth to pursue STEM and aviation careers. STEM Flights pairs middle and high school students with Pilot Mentors in their geographic area to receive a flight experience, learn about aviation and STEM careers, and connect with local aviation enthusiasts. Students complete the STEM Flights application, study online aviation and STEM curriculum, and submit a letter of recommendation before they are matched with a pilot. Volunteer Pilot Mentors are needed all over the country, to learn more please visit www.stemflights.org.