Ever wonder how a plane flies or want to experience sitting in a real plane during taxi, takeoff, and landing where you are not just looking out the side window?  Come join Troop 212 while we experience the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Young Eagles program.  Scouts will learn:

1. **On the ground**
Your pilot explains what will happen during the flight. You may talk about the airplane, review an aeronautical chart, and complete a careful “walk-around” preflight inspection of the airplane.
2. **Just before takeoff**
Your pilot explains the interior of the airplane, including the operation of the aircraft door, safety belts, and instrument panel.
3. **In the air**
The flight lasts between 15 and 20 minutes. And, if you want, your pilot may let you take the controls!
4. **Back on the ground**
There’s more time for you to ask questions about the flight. Your pilot is happy to tell you more about flying and his or her particular airplane.

**When:**  Saturday, September 16th and Saturday, November 11th weather permitting, 8:30 until the last boy has had a chance to fly.  Each boy can sign up for ONE date.  NOTE:  if your son is planning to run for a Jr Leader position with the Troop and want to also attend the Young Eagles program, he MUST attend the 9/16 session.  Please make sure he understands he must decide if he will be running for a Jr Leader Position- the 25 seats for the 9/16 date will be given first priority to the Jr Leader candidates.  Once all candidates have signed up AND if there are any seats left, they will be given out on a first come, first served basis.  We can have a maximum number of 25 seats per day.  Signups will take place at the Monday August 14th meeting.

**Forms:**  Please note there are two required forms for this trip, to be collected by Matt Ankley at the regular Monday meeting on 9/11. The regular troop permission slip, AND the Young Eagles permission slip, PRINTED ON ONE SHEET OF PAPER, FRONT AND BACK.  The Young Eagles permission slip will NOT be accepted if printed on two sheets of paper.

**Cost:**  this event is solely sponsored by the men and women of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), who are volunteering their time and fuel costs so that kids can experience a general aviation flight and get interested in the aviation field. Families will be responsible for carpooling to the Long Beach Airport, west flightline (exact location TBD as there is currently construction).

**Will they teach / sign off the Aviation Merit Badge for the Scout?**  No.  This is a program put on and sponsored by AOPA, and they have their own goals.  While they might be similar to that of the Boy Scouts, they have made it clear they do not work on the Aviation Merit Badge and request that be done internally to the Scouting Unit.  Scouts are encouraged to approach the Troop 212 Aviation Merit Badge counselors Fred Rawling, Tom Sugihara, and Doug McIntosh.

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