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DISCOVER AVIATION AT THE

“WHITEMAN COMMUNITY AVIATION FAMILY FESTIVAL”

HOSTED BY EAA CHAPTER 40 ON JUNE 27 IN PACOIMA, CA

PACOIMA, CA — June 27 — EAA Chapter 40 invites families, students, and aviation enthusiasts to explore the world of flight at the Whiteman Community Aviation Family Festival, a free airport open house featuring hands-on STEM activities, aircraft displays, youth programs, and community exhibits at Whiteman Airport. As one of the most active chapters in the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 40 brings together pilots, builders, educators, and youth to share “The Spirit of Aviation” and inspire people of all ages to discover what’s possible in aviation.

EAA Chapter 40 is **one of 900 EAA chapters worldwide** and one of the **fastest-growing**, with **182 members**, **4–5 new members each month**, and a strong **~25% youth membership**. The chapter operates **eight year-round aviation programs**, including **three youth programs**, builder and pilot-support activities, and family-centered aviation experiences. Its **Young Eagles program has flown more than 13,000 youth since 1992**—over **five times** the global chapter average—while the **Youth Build Program brings 15 high school students weekly** to build a **full-size, two-seat airplane** they will eventually fly in. These programs form the foundation of the Whiteman Community Aviation Family Festival, which showcases the chapter’s commitment to opening doors for youth, families, and aspiring aviators across the region.

“We’re excited for our community to see the incredible opportunities and bright future that aviation can bring,” said Clyde Carpenter, President of EAA Chapter 40.

“Whiteman Airport is a gateway to discovery, and this festival is our way of opening that gateway wide for families, students, and aspiring aviators.”

Festival Activities Include:

- **STEM learning stations** with hands-on activities for all ages
- **Aviation presentations** and seminars for beginners through advanced enthusiasts
- **Career and college exhibitors** highlighting aviation and aerospace pathways
- **Young Eagles introductory flights** for youth ages 8–17
- **Aircraft displays** featuring specialty, homebuilt, and vintage aircraft
- **Food trucks and community booths** creating a family-friendly festival atmosphere

The event, which is anticipating nearly 8,000 attendees, will be held at **Whiteman Airport in Pacoima, CA**. The main entrance is located **north of Osborne Street on Airpark Way**, next to the Vista Aviation building. **Admission is free**, and families are encouraged to attend.

About EAA - The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is a worldwide community of more than **300,000 aviation enthusiasts** dedicated to flying, building, restoring, and sharing the joy of flight. With **900 local chapters**, EAA provides hands-on learning, mentorship, and aviation experiences for people of all ages. For more information, visit www.eaa.org or call **800-JOIN-EAA (800-564-6322)**.

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