**JUNE 2024 KWHP YOUNG EAGLES REPORT**

These YE reports may be a bit repetitive, but the joy in so many faces is worth it—it’s not repetitive for the kids!  One parent called at 4:30 to report that his son hadn’t yet stopped smiling! And I’m sure each of our pilots has received similar sincerest gratitude from both parents and kids for our flying efforts.

   For the day we flew 93 kids, 18 of whom were girls and 79% were first-time fliers.  Eight pilots flew today, one for the first time with us.  It was gratifying to see the successful training being provided by the more senior Aviation Explorers as many of them prepared to leave us for college within a few weeks.  We were also successful, because of the enthusiasm of everybody there, at starting the briefing and the flying about 15 minutes earlier than planned, so we could beat at least some of the heat—my car read 104 as I neared my home around 3:30.

    It’s too hard to research whether they are repeaters, but we had 4 kids come from as far as Menifee—that’s 98 miles, from east of Lake Elsinore, and I know we’ve had people come from there in months past.  The two from Las Vegas shouldn’t get special mention because of the likelihood they’re visiting grandparents, friends, or other family, but we all know the dangers of assumptions. 20 listed Los Angeles addresses, and 13 from Pacoima or surrounding communities.

   The pilots get lots of thank-yous for these efforts and I don’t know how many of our ground crew hear such gratification from our YEs, but they deserve as much recognition as anyone because without them we could hardly be this successful.

    We already have 60 kids registered for July 27, so we’ll see you all then as well!

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