

Free Airplane Rides for Youth offered at Kolache Festival

Free airplane rides will be offered to youth ages 8-18 at the Kolache Festival through the Young Eagles program. The event will be held at Prague Municipal Airport and youth must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to be eligible to ride.

The airplane rides will start at 1:00 p.m. and continue for several hours, according to Clinton Hagar, spokesperson for the event.

“The event will be held weather permitting,” Hagar stated. “If it is raining, the clouds are too low, or the wind is over 25 m.p.h. we can’t legally offer the rides.”

The Young Eagles program has a goal to introduce children to aviation and to hopefully encourage them to be interested in aircraft. All children taking the rides will receive a flight certification.

The rides will be provided by pilots from EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles Program) Chapter 1098 out of Shawnee and Chapter 54 out of Oklahoma City. The light airplanes are two-seaters and four-seaters.

The passengers will be flown around the Prague area, going south, east, and north for a 10 to 15 minute flight covering around 15 to 18 air miles.

Hagar invites youth ages 8 to 18 to participate in the free airplanes rides.