

YEA

Youth Exploring Aviation meets Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:00 pm on the Museum campus located on the north side of Poplar Grove Airport off Orth road just east of IL Hwy 76.

We are Post 76 of the **Boy Scouts of America Learning for Life program** and welcome young men and women ages 15-21 who are interested in learning all aspects of aviation.

Our program includes:

- Hands-on aircraft restoration
- Theory of Flight
- Aviation Weather
- Introductory & Cross Country Flights
- Learn from aviation professionals
- Field trips
- Participation in Museum events



The Poplar Grove Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum, part of the 501c3 non-profit organization **Poplar Grove Aviation Education Association**, is dedicated to early transportation history. Located on the Poplar Grove Airport (C77) in northern Illinois, the Museum is on 12 acres and has several early 20th century airplane hangars and automotive garages which have been saved from destruction and relocated to our campus where they have been renovated for future generations to enjoy. Our mission focuses not only preserving history, but also educating people. With that in mind, we offer a variety of outreach programs to area grade schools, field trips, summer camps, lectures, and a scholarship program. Check the various links on our website for more information.

<http://www.poplargrovewingsandwheels.com>

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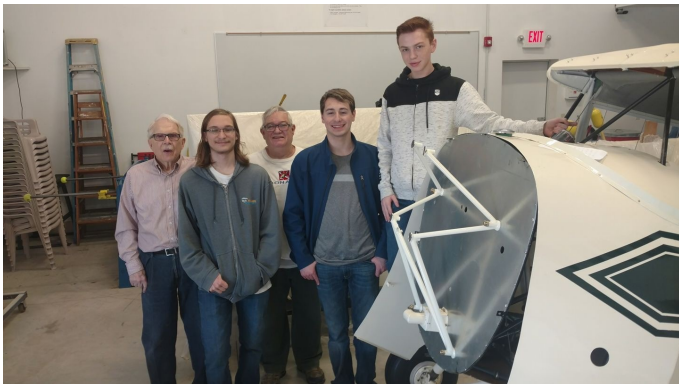
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**The Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum
Poplar Grove Aviation Education Assoc.**

Youth Exploring Aviation is a part of a national program of the Boy Scouts of America Learning for Life. Chartered to the Poplar Grove Aviation Education Association as Explorer Post 76 of the Blackhawk Area Council, the YEA group is guided by several volunteers with many different backgrounds in aviation. This depth of knowledge helps give YEA members an opportunity to discover multiple avenues to pursue careers in aviation.

The Poplar Grove Aviation Education Association (PGAEA) offers scholarships every year to those pursuing aviation careers, and many YEA participants have received those awards.

YEA members have the opportunity to travel to Oshkosh Wisconsin every summer for EAA Airventure, camp out together as a group, and volunteer for the event. It is a great opportunity to learn even more about aviation and meet enthusiasts and professionals.



Pictured above is a restored 1941 Aeronca Chief completed in 2018 by the Poplar Grove Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum YEA members. This project spanned several years and was a hands-on restoration workshop for dozens of young men and women throughout that time. Many of those young men and women not only received scholarships through the PGAEA but also went on into careers as pilots, mechanics, meteorologists, and in the military. This beautiful vintage aircraft was only a pile of parts on a flat bed trailer when found by Poplar Grove Airport owner Steve Thomas. The restoration has even more meaning to the Museum and airport family, though, as it had originally belonged to Steve's father Dick Thomas. What a great homecoming!

Cost to participate in the program is \$20 per year to PGAEA which partially covers Blackhawk Area Council Explorer Post fees.

In addition there are occasional, optional, field trip expenses.