

EAA WELCOMES NEW YOUNG EAGLES CO-CHAIRS

EAA announced on September 29th that Harrison Ford named Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger and First Officer Jeffrey Skiles, known for their emergency landing in the Hudson River in January, as the new co-chairmen of the EAA Young Eagles Program. EAA member, pilot, and famed actor Harrison Ford, having served for five years as the chairman of this program that inspires and educates youth by sharing with them the inspirational of aviation activities, introduced his replacements in a news conference at the Santa Monica Airport, in California. The two pilots visited EAA during AirVenture last summer, where they drew huge crowds and rediscovered their GA roots. "I'm grateful to EAA and the AirVenture Oshkosh convention for allowing me to fall in love with aviation for a second time in my life," said Skiles during a news conference "I'm eager to share this passion with young people and encourage participation in aviation." Sullenberger also recalled this summer's visit as a pivotal moment. "After having the opportunity to learn more about the EAA Young Eagles Program while I was in Oshkosh, Jeff and I were inspired to get involved," he said. "Co-chairing the program is an opportunity that I welcome. Jeff and I are honored to take the stick from Harrison Ford."



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