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Dear Mr. Keegan, and EAA Chapter 856,

I would like to sincerely thank you for providing the opportunity to experience the EAA Air Academy Camp. It has proven both highly educational and fun and has opened the window of aviation for me.

I've been able to experience the soul of aviation from many levels. From the ground I've been able to watch and be amazed at the high ability of airshow pilots and their exceptional aircraft. During these nine days I've also felt what being in the cockpit is all about; how it feels in the air. For this I thank you very much. Meeting pilots and learning about airplanes and flying has done so much to show me the world of aviation.

It has been a gift to be in the prescence of people with a passion for aviation. Not only am I learning from my instructors, but my fellow campers as well. I've been able to see from their points of view and experience the thrill of aviation on a higher level with them.

The lodge here is a great place to be. It's a fantastic place to rest and think over everything new I've been able to learn. The staff have been amazing, friendly and capable. Their positive attitude serves as a guiding beacon.

I also very much enjoyed the days of AirVenture during the trip. The hundreds of planes and flying enthusiasts helped to solidify the purpose of the camp; to spread the joy and greatness of flight. I appreciated being able to experience AirVenture while also being able to learn through the Camp's more focused workshops and classroom.

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Overall, the EAA Air Academy has been a hugely educational and positive experience and I'm very grateful I've been allowed the opportunity to be here.

—Sincerely,
Austin Shehan

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