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Dear EAA Chapter 856,

My name is Hayden Ess and I would like to give my thanks to you all for sending me to Oshkosh, WI for the EAA Advanced Air Academy II. Just to give a little backround of myself, I am 16 years old and attend Flagstaff High School. My goals to accomplish in aviation in aviation is to attend Embry-Riddle aeronautical university thoough the Air Force ROTC Program. After my higher education, my lifelong dream is to fly a Boeing 747.

I am still in awe that a groups of people who love aviation as much as I do would pay for me to travel halfway across the country. It has been such a humbling opportunity to be in attendance at the world's greatest aviation celebration and to continue my stay at the Air Academy Lodge. During Airventure I have had the opportunity to see beautiful warbirds up close and in flight, view superior Private jets, and fly for my first time in a helicopter (Bell 47).

At the Academy the schedule has been jam packed from classtime learing about meteorology to Grenich Mean Time. In the workshop I built full scale wing ribs, a composite clipboard, sheetmetal sparkplug holder, and welded joints. We also got deep into weight distribution and how it affects aeronautical proformance.

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We finished off with building Balsa wood gliders (Champions) and air Compressed bottle Rockets (best design). Our rockets were supposed to keep an egg From cracking on impact (nobody succeeded); our model had a capsul that detached from the fuselage during Flight with a parachute.

I cannot express enough for how grateful I am for this once in a lifetime opportunity. I have met alot of good people From campers to Colleges. I have broadened my Knowledge tremendously due to all of the bright unique Volunteers and people around me this week. I would also like to give a Special thanks to Jack Keegan who helped me and my family through every step of the process from the opportunity itself to the flights and travel. You have no idea how great it feels for people in my community to Sponsor me for this. Thank you!

Sincerely,
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