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## Girls in Aviation Day 2025 Wrap-Up

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You Need





# Girls IN AVIATION DAY

A Women in Aviation International® Event

## GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY 2025 CONTINUES TO IMPACT YOUTH ATTENDEES!

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Women in Aviation International's 11th Annual International Girls in Aviation Day was celebrated around the world on September 20, 2025, sparking curiosity and wonder for the next generation of pioneers in the aviation and aerospace industry.

This year, WAI chapters and corporate members shared their love of aviation at 200 total events in 34 countries and 64 international events at airports, FBOs, museums, and hangars throughout North America, Europe, Africa, and Asia. More than 42,000 attendees were introduced to the career and lifestyle possibilities in aviation and aerospace through meeting female role models, career panels, and visits to airplanes and airports.

Attendees explored hands-on fun and educational activities ranging from sectional chart scavenger hunts, to making a tailwheel airplane, and learning about aircraft engines and avionics with maintenance technicians.

Girls in Aviation Day is part of a multi-faceted international youth program called Aviation for Girls, exclusively designed by WAI to inspire youngsters year-round to learn about STEM and career possibilities.



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## GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY 2025 BY THE NUMBERS:

**42,000+**

Youth Attendees

**19**

Student  
Chapters

**64**

International  
Events

**136**

U.S. Events including  
42 States  
2 Territories  
Guam  
Puerto Rico

**34**

Countries

held events, including  
Argentina • Australia  
The Bahamas • Botswana  
Brazil • Canada  
Cameroon • Colombia  
Ecuador • France  
Germany • Ghana • India  
Ireland • Israel • Japan  
Kenya • New Zealand  
Nigeria • Pakistan  
Panama • Philippines  
Portugal • Rwanda • Sierra Leone  
Singapore • South Africa  
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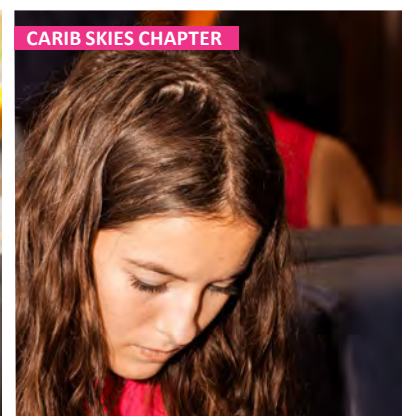
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Saturday, March 21, 2026

during the 37th Annual

Women in Aviation International Conference

## 12TH ANNUAL

## GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY INTERNATIONAL

Saturday, September 19, 2026



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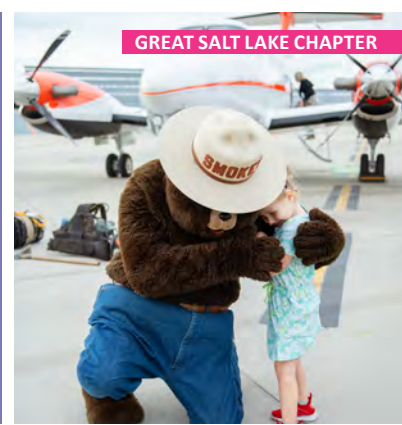


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