



## Plans Underway for WAI Girls in Aviation Day 2018

***Worldwide outreach scheduled for October 13, 2018***

**June 26, 2018** – Women in Aviation International’s network of more than 115 chapters, corporate members, and partners, are making their plans for individual events for Girls in Aviation Day 2018. Celebrated worldwide, Girls in Aviation Day is now in its fourth year as a global event and is designed to introduce and educate girls 8 to 17 years of age on the many career choices and lifestyle possibilities offered by the aviation/aerospace industry.

Recently, WAI’s Girls in Aviation Day was recognized as an “industry best practice” along with EAA Young Eagles and AOPA’s high school initiative in a study entitled *Aviation Outreach Model and Gap Analysis: Examining Solutions to Address Workforce Shortages*, conducted by Dr. Rebecca Lutte, Assistant Professor at University of Nebraska Omaha Aviation Institute. Lutte stated in her study: “Women in Aviation International serves as a primary example of a nonprofit organization implementing outreach that is aimed at underrepresented groups.”

Last year, an estimated 9,700 girls participated in 74 separate events worldwide. “We hope to surpass those numbers in October, and will have some exciting announcements in the weeks ahead about the plans of chapters and corporate members,” says WAI President Dr. Peggy Chabrian.

A two-minute video on Girls in Aviation Day may be viewed here. [<http://bit.ly/GIAD18Video>]

A growing list of Girls in Aviation Day events can be found at <https://www.wai.org/events/girls-aviation-day-2018>

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Women in Aviation International is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing networking, mentoring and scholarship opportunities for women and men who are striving for challenging and fulfilling careers in the aviation and aerospace industries. For more information, contact WAI at 3647 State Route 503 South, West Alexandria, OH 45381, Phone (937) 839-4647; Fax (937) 839-4645 or through [www.wai.org](http://www.wai.org).

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