Earning the BSA Aviation Merit Badge by attending Youth Aviation Adventure (YAA)

YAA was started in 1997 by two BSA troop leaders who needed a quality option for the scouts to qualify for the Aviation Merit Badge. Today YAA events are held at 18 airports around the country and Eau Claire is lucky enough to have one.

On Saturday June 9th, 2012, you will have the chance to visit 11 learning stations for 20 minutes each. It's fast paced with lots of great information from 40 volunteers eager to share their flying experiences with you. We encourage you to go to our web site or you can Google YAA Eau Claire, and also give us a

"Like" at our Facebook page. Here are some highlights to expect from your visit to the airport on Saturday morning:

- Our guest speaker, Bryan Palaszewski, is NASA's foremost expert on solid engine rocket propellants as well as a prominent member of the landing on Mars program. Bryan comes to us from NASA's John Glenn Research Center in Cleveland. He will not only give our key note talk but also do live demonstrations when you go to his learning station.

- Visit 11 learning stations including Airport Operations, Pre Flight Check, build your own glider, Instruments in the cockpit, Aviation Careers, how to qualify for the YAA Eau Claire Aim High Scholarship award, Power plant, Helicopters, Airport Fire and Emergency, and more.

- Enjoy a snack in the middle of the program

- Earn an Aviation Merit Badge by adhering to the BSA requirements

- Learn how to get a free airplane ride the next weekend

- Take home a YAA patch upon completion

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