



Village of Lake in the Hills Press Release

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Village of Lake in the Hills to Host its First Girls in Aviation Day

Lake in the Hills, IL – Girls and young women ages 11-21 are invited to attend the Village’s first ever Girls in Aviation Day, hosted in partnership with Women in Aviation International (WAI) and Chicago’s Leading Edge Chapter. This free event will be held on September 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lake in the Hills 3CK Airport, located at 8397 Pyott Road.

“We are excited to bring such a positive and educational STEM experience to girls and young women in our area,” said Public Works Director Tom Migatz. “Our team is eager to welcome speakers and educators to the airport and facilitate an event meant to inspire future aviation professionals.”

Girls and young women will enjoy opportunities to learn from and be inspired by women pilots, mechanics, air traffic controllers, and other aviation professionals. This event coincides with Women in Aviation International (WAI)’s national Girls in Aviation Day.

“The aviation professionals and hobbyists joining our event are excited to share their stories and encourage girls and young women to explore opportunities in aviation that they may not have considered before,” said Airport Manager Michael Peranich. “We are honored to host this exciting educational event at the Lake in the Hills 3CK Airport.”

Rotating 40-minute sessions will offer varied exhibits and experiences to participants as they explore topics related to aircraft maintenance, pre-flight, aerodynamics, career choices, and scholarship information. Participants will engage with speakers, exhibits, and hands-on experiences as they learn about career paths and recreational pursuits within the field of aviation.

“We provide education, mentoring, and scholarship opportunities for women who are striving for challenging and fulfilling careers in the aviation and aerospace industries,” said Colleen La Plata of Chicago’s Leading Edge Chapter. “We are excited to partner with the Village and embrace the opportunity to encourage and inspire girls and young women in this community.”

Attendance will be limited to 100 participants, and attendees must register by September 20 at lith.org/GirlsInAviation. The Village is also seeking volunteers to assist with parking, set up, transitions between sessions, lunch, and more. Volunteers may sign up [online](#).

The Lake in the Hills 3CK Airport is a designated FAA reliever airport for Chicago O'Hare. With one paved runway, 110 based aircraft, and 34,000 annual operations, the airport represents 2.63% of the total impact of Illinois reliever airports. Learn more about the airport at lith.org.

Women in Aviation International (WAI) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the encouragement and advancement of women in all aviation career fields and interests. Visit wai.org/giad to learn about Women in Aviation International and Girls in Aviation Day and chicagosleadingedge.org to learn more about the WAI Chicago's Leading Edge Chapter.

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