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Students got to reach for the sky in a Young Eagles flight.

Students take flight in Sisters

In its third year, the flight science program at Sisters High School has the highest number of students enrolled to date, with a total of 26.

As the only program of its kind in Oregon, the Sisters Flight Science Program incorporates a unique cooperation between the Sisters School District, private pilots at the Sisters Eagle Airport, the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), and Sporty's Aviation to promote and provide the opportunity for students to learn and experience the thrill of aviation.

One of the first activities the students participate in as a

class is a Young Eagles flight. Within the Young Eagles program, which is sponsored by EAA, private pilot members take students for an introductory flight using their own personal aircraft. There were five pilots participating this year: Benny Benson flying the Outlaw Aviation Cessna 172; Brian Lansburgh flying his Cessna 140; Jim Hamilton in his Flight Design CT; Jon Renner with his Beech Musketeer; and SHS senior Cammi Benson in her Cessna 182.

This was Cammi Benson's first time participating in the Young Eagles program as a pilot; only three years ago she

was a student in the Flight Science class.

Once the Young Eagle flights are completed, the students are given free access to an online private pilot ground school through Sporty's Aviation. The class at SHS uses this as one component to the curriculum. The class also incorporates guest speakers, field trips, and other instructional materials to give the students a broad picture of opportunities available through aviation.

For students interested in learning to fly, there are scholarship opportunities to earn their private pilot certificate while still in high school.

Nominate trails for state designation

The Oregon Recreation Trails Advisory Council (ORTAC) invites trail proponents statewide to expand Oregon's network of non-motorized, state-designated trails by nominating their favorite trails.

"ORTAC's intent is to have a statewide system of trails that showcases Oregon's exceptional trail experiences in both rural and urban areas," said Nancy Ream Enabnit, the chair of ORTAC. "We're seeking nominations from all corners of the state..."

The process defines two trail designation categories: scenic and regional. Scenic Trail advocates can nominate single routes that are as short as a mile, or routes that combine with others to give access to "outstanding scenery and lasting memories for trail users," said Enabnit.

Trails designated in the regional category must be more than five miles long and create close-to-home recreation opportunities. They also are defined as connectors linking communities, schools and recreation sites with significant scenic trails. Like scenic trails, they must lie on public land or public rights-of-way or easements.

To nominate a trail, complete an application form found in the Oregon Recreation Trails Designation Program handbook found online at <http://1.usa.gov/1OyI62h>. The handbook also includes criteria and timelines. The nomination period is open through November 30.

For information, contact State Trails Coordinator Rocky Houston at 503-986-0750 or rocky.houston@oregon.gov.

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