



The High Hopes Vision: *To positively inspire, motivate, and create change through the aviation experience*

High Hopes for Teens:

- Provide positive aviation experiences to at-risk and disadvantaged youth
- Spring and Fall Open Houses are held in the Cutter Aviation hangar to provide high level look at aviation opportunities (Approximately 60 youth attended in 2009)
- In 2009 two Aviation Orientation programs followed the Open Houses with smaller groups of students
 - Three ground sessions: Tours of the Sky West Maintenance hangar, the Colorado Springs airport terminal, the COS Air Traffic Control facilities and other airport locations.
 - Fourth session: The students' first flights around the pattern at the controls of a Cessna 172 trainer.
 - Capt Kenyatta Ruffin (USAFA graduate, F-16 pilot) visited in June 2009 to tell about how he overcame obstacles to attend the USAFA.
 - Mini-summer camp - June 9 – 12, 2009: Ground instruction and tours in the mornings and flight lessons in the afternoon. (Included two brothers from the Knights of Heroes¹)
- Five qualified youth have turned begun their private pilot training.
- Jeppesen provided 12 private pilot kits for our students (\$3,000 value)
- In 2010 the Aviation Orientation saw seven youth attend Ground School two afternoons a week, including one Knights of Heroes youth.
- One High Hopes youth was sponsored by the Pikes Peak 99s to AirVenture 2010 **Women Soar You Soar** for High School girls at Oshkosh, WI this summer.
- Over 90 hours of flight instruction plus 75 hours of ground instruction in 2010
- Peak Aviation Center provides training aircraft and flight instructors at cost.
 - Cessna 172 trainers cost \$65 per flight hour
 - Now incorporating Flight Design CTLS Light Sport Aircraft (LSA) at \$50 per flight hour.
 - Almost half of all flight instructors' time has been donated



Wounded Warriors:

- Our way to show our appreciation for the sacrifices of our soldiers and their families
- Provide scenic flights over local Colorado Springs area to Wounded Warriors and their family members, such as Royal Gorge and Garden of the Gods.
- Approval from Ft Carson, Butts AAF and Warrior Transition Unit October 2008:
 - First Wounded Warrior flights from Butts AAF in November 2008
 - Other Ft Carson units' soldiers and family members, including 10th Special Forces Group have flown with us
- Aircraft and Pilots are from Peak Aviation Center
 - Almost 40 flight days (1 to 2 flights per day with 2 or 3 passengers each flight) from Butts and Colorado Springs
 - Over 140 soldiers and family members
 - Almost 75 flight hours through July 2010
 - Primary aircraft is Cessna 182RG Aircraft which costs \$130 per flight hour to operate.
 - Pilots donate their time



¹ Knight of Heroes are the sons of service members killed in action (www.knightsofheroes.org)