



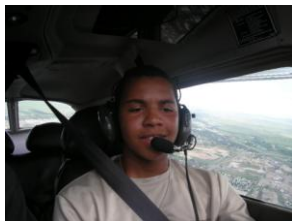
“Letting Them Soar”

The **High Hopes** program provides an aviation opportunity for our “at-risk” youth as well as for our Wounded Warriors and their families. The **High Hopes for Teens** program provides an unparalleled and life-changing experience of professional aviation orientation, training, and mentorship. They learn life skills while becoming excited about being part of something positive. There are few things that rival the self confidence gained through aviation. That special moment when the yoke is pulled back and the airplane lifts off the ground could be the first time a youth is in complete control of their life and is an experience that will never be forgotten. Our **Wounded Warriors** and their family members are provided scenic flights over the majestic beauty of Colorado to give them some release from the strains experienced through multiple deployments and combat related injuries.

The **High Hopes for Teens** mission is to put youth in need of a positive experience into the cockpit of an airplane. We seek to touch youth outside the mainstream who are in need of a challenge and we are committed to help them meet this challenge through aviation. The combination of our professional staff and aircraft will enable these youth to gain self esteem, a sense of belonging, and pride in their success. While we do not believe that High Hopes for Teens can cure all the problems of our youth, we do believe that engaging youth in aviation will give them a vision for their future based on the knowledge that they can control their life, as they learn to control an airplane.



High Hopes for Teens Programs: Aviation Orientation: Starting in the Spring of 2009, local Colorado



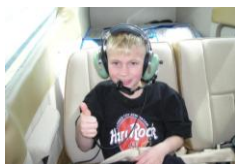
Springs youth have been offered an introduction to aviation through ground and flight operations orientation experiences. The goal isn't to make a pilot out of everyone, but to let youth understand their capabilities through repeated meetings with aviation professionals. **Private Pilot Certification:** Of

the initial 20 or more youth who attended Open Houses, six youth went through the Aviation Orientation program and are now participating in a structured ground and flight program with dedicated flight instructors to enable them to earn their private pilot's license. This program may take them from six months to over a year depending on the youth's aptitude, schedule, and funding.

Wounded Warrior Flights: In November 2008 Peak Aviation Center was authorized to start making weekly flights to Ft Carson's Butts Army Air Field to give flights over the Colorado Springs area to the soldiers and family members of the Warrior Transition Brigade and other Ft Carson units in appreciation of the sacrifices these soldiers and their families have made. Many of these soldiers have suffered serious injury and are either rehabilitating back into the active Army or into civilian life. Others have experienced numerous combat deployments which have impacted their



personal and family lives. Since starting in November 2008 flights have been made every week, except for weather or operational considerations. These flights are at no cost to the soldiers or their families. The date and time for each mission is approved by the Ft Carson leadership. Typical flights are over the Royal Gorge or over the City of Colorado Springs including the Garden of the Gods.



All flight and ground operations are conducted by the Peak Aviation Center (www.cospilot.com). More information can be found at www.highhopesforteens.com or by contacting Allen “Al” Mathews or Pat Carlile at Peak Aviation Center, (719) 573-4452 ([allen\[or pat\]@cospilot.com](mailto:allen[or pat]@cospilot.com)). The High Hopes program is a Disability Services of Colorado 501 (c) 3 program.