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CHARLESTON, IL--Seventy cadets will learn the basics of flying powered aircraft, gliders, or hot air balloons during the 18th Annual Illinois Wing Civil Air Patrol Flight Encampment held in conjunction with the Coles County Airport and Eastern Illinois University.

The eight-day encampment, one of only three in the United States, opened on July 13 and will extend through July 21. Cadets will live in a University residence hall. Murray Choate, Admissions Office staff member at Eastern, is the encampment sponsor.

Cadets from throughout Illinois apply for admission to the program, and then appear before a selection board composed of adult CAP members and U.S. Air Force personnel. Cadets are rated on their knowledge and practice of military history, customs and courtesies.

Approximately 60 CAP senior members make up the instructor and logistic staff. They volunteer for the encampment at their own expense. Many were cadets at previous encampments.

Also assisting will be Air Force Reserve Personnel and State Department of Transportation-Division of Aeronautics. Capt. Grace J. Brusa, CAP, said that "thanks to these volunteers' efforts, cadets are able to receive their training at one-fourth of commercial costs."

CAP has 60,000 volunteer members, including 23,000 teenage cadets and 37,000 adult members. They wear uniforms similar to those of the Air Force, but with special CAP insignia.

Members fly more than 6,800 privately-owned aircraft and 600 aircraft owned by CAP. Nearly 12,000 senior members are FAA licensed pilots and thousands more are qualified observers.

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In 1983, CAP flew 16,725 hours on 17,745 Air Force-authorized search and rescue missions while locating 1,074 search objectives and saving 154 lives.

Teenagers or adults wishing additional information may stop at the Coles County Airport (on Route 16 between Charleston and Mattoon) and ask for the Director of Public Affairs, Illinois Wing.

Information may also be obtained by contacting Illinois Wing Headquarters, 310 South Michigan Ave., Suite 2240, Chicago, 60604, telephone (312) 793-2436.