

Our Trip To NEON

On August 29, 2015, the Young Aviators group went on a field trip to NEON (National Ecological Observatory Network). NEON is dedicated to observing the natural world and its changes.

We toured a special plane that has an extremely accurate LIDAR system. This system is able to scan forests and mountains to find out about global warming, how much sunlight shrubs got last year, or how much trees have grown in the past 5 years.

With all this data, NEON is able to analyze if there are too many humans here, or too many beetles have infested trees there, or not enough birds live here so that we can make a better place. It was a fun and educational experience for all of us.

Special thanks to Ian for arranging this awesome field trip!