

AOP TEAM HOSTS YOUNG AVIATORS

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As part of their goal to engage the local community, members of the Airborne Observation Platform (AOP) team, namely, Ty Guadagno, John Adler, Ian Dahlke and Ian Crocker, hosted the local [Young Aviators Club](#) on a recent Saturday at the Boulder County Airport NEON hangar. Approximately 40 guests-- half parents/mentors and half kids—were treated to a tour of the hangar, plane and payload.

By all accounts, the visitors were impressed. Here's what some had to say:

"The NEON engineers related so well to the kids! The age range is from 7-17 and that can be tough. They were so well prepared and it was one of the coolest outings we've ever had--by far. Thank you!"

-- Andrea, Parent Mentor

It was really interesting that the LiDAR went through the plane and interesting that the plane could not be pressurized due to the scientific equipment."

--Thomas W., age 11

Thank you so much for a wonderful tour. The instrumentation and science mission were the most fascinating. Your awesome extremely knowledgeable team gave our kids a real treat teaching them and us about the work that NEON does and its importance to the future of our world. Learning how

the LiDAR and Spectrometer work in a language that even the younger kids and we not so young could understand made it all the more interesting and fascinating.

--Scott & Patrice M.

"I thought that it was fun to go to NEON and get a tour of the place. One of my favorite parts was learning about the flaperons (flaps that work with ailerons) which aren't on many other planes."

--John, age 14

The club was so impressed with the tour, they plan to share photos from the day on their website and Facebook page.-

Nice NEON PR, care of the AOP team!