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## **Women Can Fly Event Will Introduce Flight to Girls and Women in Virginia**

*Women Can Fly*, a series of four special Saturday events scheduled for May and June of 2014, will introduce aviation to more girls and women in Virginia. While the number of women working in the aviation industry has steadily increased, they are still underrepresented in the workforce and the number of women pilots is only 6% of the total pilot population. *Women Can Fly* will be an enjoyable and educational event for girls and women of all ages to learn more about flight through a variety of experiences including static displays, special guests, simulation opportunities, preflight briefings, and a flight in a general aviation aircraft for participating girls and women. The goal is to inform them about career opportunities as well as introduce them to the fun and camaraderie of general aviation.

*Women Can Fly* events will be held at Warrenton-Fauquier Airport on May 10, 2014; Lynchburg Regional Airport on May 24, 2014; Hampton Roads Executive Airport on June 21, 2014; and Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport on June 28, 2014.

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Three Women Can Fly events were held in Virginia in 2013 and 373 women and girls were introduced to aviation and received a free flight. More information about Women Can Fly as well as photos from previous events can be viewed at [www.womencanfly.org](http://www.womencanfly.org).

*Women Can Fly* is sponsored by the Ninety-Nines, Inc. (International Organization of Women Pilots), Warrenton Fauquier Airport, Hampton Roads Executive Airport, Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, Liberty University, Freedom Aviation, and the Virginia Department of Aviation.

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