

Dear Bob --

I wanted to send you a note to thank you and everyone at the airport for everything you did for Alex this summer. We feel so very fortunate that he has been able to participate in the FEFY program. We are so grateful for the skills, commitment and dedication that all the instructors and staff at the airport have to flying, to FEFY and personally to all the kids including Alex.

Needless to say the aviation education he's receiving is beyond outstanding. But perhaps more importantly, that he is learning the inner workings of the airport and is being offered the opportunity to demonstrate that he can take on the significant responsibility of working on the line is huge. When he talks about his days at the airport he truly beams. This experience has given my somewhat introverted teenager so much confidence and pride. It is hard for me to express in words the depth of my gratitude.

How cool is being a line crew kid for Alex! He gets to spend his day outdoors in one of the most beautiful places in the world, surrounded by a wonderfully passionate, smart and fun loving group of instructors and role models, and with other kids who share his love of flying and curiosity about weather, physics, and math. And while he loves the science and technology aspect, on the line he has also had to develop his instincts, reflexes, good sense, and work ethic. I truly can't imagine a better growth opportunity for his mind, body and character.

I will never forget the look on his face this October at the end of a beautiful day at the airport, as he ran toward me, spun around, and lifted his sweatshirt to show that the back of his Tshirt had been cut out to commemorate his first solo flight. A bigger smile I truly can't remember. It was a smile that I will never forget.

I so appreciate how the whole airport "family" has taken care of and embraced Alex (and me, too) and made us feel welcomed and part of your community. We are thrilled to be part of it and want to do anything we can to help support FEFY and its work to help kids to soar on so many levels. We are sending you a financial contribution by snail mail and would love to be able to help in any other way you might think of, just let me know.

I wish you a wonderful winter season. Alex is already counting the days to his next season on the line.

Warmly, Eve (Silverman-Scaperotta)