



2026 FAQs

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1. General Event Information

What are the air show dates?

The 2026 Defenders of Freedom Air & Space Show will take place on:

- **Saturday, August 8, 2026**
- **Sunday, August 9, 2026**

What does admission cost?

Admission to the event is completely free. However, please note that a **base/parking pass is strictly required for every vehicle** entering Offutt Air Force Base during the event weekend. Please visit our website for details on how to request your base/parking pass.

Premium seating options will be available for purchase. These upgraded tickets include additional perks and amenities not included with general admission.

Where can I purchase premium seating tickets?

Premium seating purchase options can be found here:

Are premium seating tickets good for both days?

No. Premium seating tickets are sold on a per-day basis only. There are no weekend or multi-day passes available for purchase.

Can I leave and re-enter the air show?

No. Re-entry to Offutt Air Force Base will not be permitted once your vehicle exits the installation. Guests are highly encouraged to plan their day and pack essential items accordingly before entering.

Should I bring cash?

No. This is a strictly cashless event. All authorized on-site vendors, including food, beverage, and merchandise stalls, will accept debit and credit cards only.

What happens if there is bad weather?

In the event of severe weather, guests may be required to temporarily evacuate the flightline and seek shelter until event officials determine whether the show can safely resume.

Premium Seating Refund Policy

All premium ticket sales are final. In the event of inclement weather or an official cancellation, please contact our ticketing partner, AttendStar, to review refund eligibility and processing guidelines based on the ticket purchase agreement.

For ticketing inquiries, visit [AttendStar Support](#).

2. Access, Parking & ID Requirements

Do I need a base pass or parking pass to attend?

Yes. A base/parking pass is required for every single vehicle entering Offutt Air Force Base during the event. This requirement applies to all attendees, including Department of Defense (DoD) ID cardholders.

Where will I park?

Detailed parking information for general admission guests will be released closer to the event date. Please check back regularly for updates regarding:

- Parking lot locations
- Traffic flow procedures
- Installation entry points
- Accessible parking options

All guests are strongly encouraged to review the final traffic and parking maps prior to arrival.

Do I need to bring ID?

Yes. Security Forces require proper identification for installation entry. Please refer to the table below to ensure you bring acceptable identification:

DoD ID Card Holders	General Public (Ages 18+)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DoD Common Access Card (CAC) • Military Retiree ID Card • Military Dependent ID Card • State/Federal Law Enforcement (on official business only) • Sponsored Guests (DBIDS card holders) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAL ID-compliant identification • U.S. Passport or Passport Card • DD Form 1173 • DD Form 2 Series • Birth certificate with raised seal AND Social Security card

Is ADA parking available?

Yes. Designated accessible parking will be available for guests possessing valid ADA placards or ADA license plates. These spaces are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Can I bring my mobility scooter?

Yes. Personal medically required electric mobility scooters are permitted on the flightline but remain subject to standard security screening upon entry.

3. Security & Guest Policies

Will there be security screening?

Yes. All guests, vehicles, bags, and personal belongings entering Offutt Air Force Base are strictly subject to security screening. Security Forces personnel reserve the right to inspect all persons and property entering the installation. Please allow additional travel time upon arrival to accommodate these vital safety procedures.

Permitted vs. Prohibited Items

To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, please review the authorized and prohibited items list before packing:

Authorized / Permitted Items	Prohibited Items (Strictly Forbidden)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear bags • Reusable water bottles • Folding lawn chairs • Strollers and wagons for children • Cameras and photography equipment • Sunscreen • Essential medical items • Baby formula, breast milk, and baby supplies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearms of any kind (including replica/toy weapons) • Ammunition or explosives • Fireworks, firecrackers, bottle rockets • Drugs or drug paraphernalia • Pepper spray or mace • Pocket knives, switchblades, butterfly knives, machetes • Brass/iron knuckles, clubs, chains, modified bats • Tasers or stun guns • Pop-up tents, tents, canopies, canopy umbrellas • Outside alcohol, food, and beverages (<i>excluding water</i>) • Hard coolers (<i>Soft-sided coolers allowed</i>) • Glass containers • Drones or remote-controlled aircraft • Laser pointers

Important Notice: Skateboards, bicycles, rollerblades, and recreational motorized devices are strictly prohibited on the flightline. Any weapons confiscated by security personnel will not be returned.

Can I bring outside food or drinks?

No. Outside food, drinks, and alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited on the installation. Exceptions are made only for baby formula, breast milk, and medically necessary items.

I have medication that must remain cold. Can I bring a cooler?

Yes, but with strict limitations. Medically necessary medication, baby formula, and breast milk may be brought in a soft-sided cooler only. Please note the following requirements:

- Hard-sided coolers of any size remain strictly prohibited.
- Medication must be accompanied by a valid doctor's note confirming medical necessity.

Are pets allowed?

Only documented service animals are permitted. Emotional support animals and family pets are not authorized. Pets must never be left unattended in vehicles during the event.

Flightline Environment Warning

The air show takes place entirely outdoors on an active flightline. Pavement and concrete surfaces can reach extreme temperatures, and shade or animal relief accommodations will be highly limited. Guests attending with service animals must plan ahead to ensure the safety, hydration, and comfort of their animal throughout the day.

4. Amenities & On-Site Experience

Will there be food vendors?

Yes. A wide variety of food and beverage vendors will be operating throughout the event grounds. Merchandise vendors will also be on site.

Will there be shade available?

General admission seating is located outdoors on the open flightline with very **limited shaded areas**. Guests are strongly encouraged to:

- Apply and reapply sunscreen regularly
- Stay hydrated by utilizing water stations
- Plan for prolonged outdoor exposure to sun and heat

Premium seating ticket holders will have access to dedicated shaded seating options.

Will water refill stations be available?

Yes. Free water refill stations will be conveniently located throughout the event grounds. Guests are highly encouraged to bring refillable water bottles to utilize these stations.

Is there a dedicated photography area?

No. There is no designated or restricted photography area. However, the flightline offers excellent viewing and photography opportunities throughout the event.

Are cameras allowed?

Yes! Guests are highly encouraged to capture their experience. Camera equipment is permitted but remains subject to Security Forces inspection at the entry gates. There are currently no lens size restrictions, though policies are subject to change based on security requirements.

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