



# FAQS

## Defenders of Freedom Air Show 2024 FAQs

**On Base Parking will be limited to DoD ID cardholders (this does not include Veteran Health ID Cards), attendees that present verification of limiting disabilities, and premium ticket holders. This parking is accessible via STRATCOM Gate located on Capehart Rd. – Butler Blvd.**

*On-base bicycle parking will be available to all attendees*

Tickets **WILL NOT** be required for parking or access to the installation. This is a **FREE** event for the public!

- Highly suggest ride-share to the bus pickup zones as parking will be limited
- First come, first serve parking
- Buses will provide free transportation to Offutt Air and Space Show

\* more information on parking and shuttles at the bottom of document

### **Q- What are the show dates?**

A- Saturday, August 24th and Sunday, August 25th

### **Q- Do I need identification to get on base?**

A- Yes, all attendees need to present a valid photo ID at the air show entry control point if you are 18 years of age or older. Foreign nationals will need to present their passports at the check points.

### **Q- What does admission cost?**

A- Admission is FREE! 55 FSS is selling premium seating which includes multiple perks not included with free admission.

### **Q- Where can I purchase a premium seat ticket?**

A- You can purchase flight deck premium seating here <https://offutt55fss.com/airshow-sponsors/>

### **Q- Are premium seating tickets good for both days?**

A- Premium Seating tickets will be sold for each day individually. There are no weekend passes.

### **Q- Can I bring a cooler and my own food and drinks?**

A- No coolers will be allowed. No outside food, drinks or alcoholic beverages will be permitted. Food, drinks and alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. Baby formula and essential medications needed by individuals will be permitted.

### **Q- What can I bring?**

A- Clear bags will be permitted. We suggest suntan lotion, FILLED water bottles to refill at our water filling stations, your own folding lawn chair and strollers and wagons to transport children. All individuals attending the airshow are subject to search of their person and possessions.

**Q- What can I *NOT* bring?**

A- Pop up tents, tents, canopies, or canopy umbrellas (See additional prohibited items below)

**Q- What are the headliner acts?**

A- This year we are excited to welcome the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and the U.S. Army Golden Knights practicing demo team. For a full list of performers at this year's show, visit [Performer Profiles \(af.mil\)](#).

**Q- Can I buy a weekend ticket?**

A- There are no weekend passes. Premium Seating will be sold individually for each day.

**Q- Will ATMs be available?**

A- Yes, we will have ATMs. However, we do suggest you carry cash with you.

**Q- Do you offer bleacher seating?**

A- No, but you may bring your own lawn chairs.

**Q- Will there be food and gift vendors?**

A- Yes, there will be concession booths where food and gifts can be purchased.

**Q- Will there be shade at the Air Show?**

A- General Admission (FREE) guests will be under an open sky with limited shade tents on the ramp as well as a water fountains for those with refillable water containers. Guests are encouraged to plan accordingly and bring plenty of sunscreen and stay hydrated. Premium seat ticket holders will have the option of sitting in a shaded area.

**Q- Are pets allowed?**

A- Pets that are necessary for the person to function, such as guide dogs for the blind are allowed. Emotional support animals are not authorized. Other pets are NOT allowed on the Air Show grounds and cannot be left in vehicles in any of the Air Show parking lots. The heat generated from the cement tarmac is unsuitable for pets. Please plan accordingly.

**Q- Are cameras allowed?**

A- Yes! We encourage guests to take and share pictures. Cameras and gear will be subject to Security Forces inspection. Currently, there are no lens restrictions, but this can be subject to change. To share photos, use **#OffuttAirshow** **#DefendersofFreedom** on Facebook, X, and Instagram.

**Q- Is there a dedicated space for photographers to sit?**

A- While there is not a dedicated area for photographers to sit/stand; there is no bad vantage point to capture the air show.

**Q- Are there other attractions around Omaha/Offutt to see while in town?**

A- Omaha offers many attractions including the Strategic Air and Space Museum, Henry Doorly Zoo, and Old Market/Capitol districts located in the downtown area. For more info, see <https://www.visitomaha.com/>

**Q- Are you on social media?**

A- Yes! Follow us on [X](#) , [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#) for show updates.

**Q- What will happen in the event of bad weather?**

A- If severe weather occurs and results in evacuation of the flightline, spectators will be ushered off base until a determination is made to continue/discontinue the show.

All ticket sales for premium seating are final and will not be refunded. However, in the event of a weather cancellation refunds will be granted.

## Offutt AFB Prohibited Items

1. Ammunition and Explosives
2. Fireworks, Firecrackers, Bottle Rockets
3. Drugs and/or Drug Paraphernalia
4. Any firearms, pepper spray
5. Any dagger, dirk, switchblade, butterfly knife, stiletto knife, Machete, or any other unusually dangerous instrument capable of inflicting cutting, stabbing, or tearing wounds is prohibited.
6. Brass or iron knuckles. They are defined as any instrument that consists of finger rings or guards made of a hard substance that is designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting injury by striking a person.
7. Items specifically designed or modified as an offensive weapon are prohibited. These include, but are not limited to, modified baseball bats, ax handles, clubs, blackjacks or chains.
8. Conducted electrical weapons (CEWs) or stun guns, such as Tasers. These items are defined as any item intended to be used as either an offensive or defensive weapon that is capable of temporarily immobilizing a person by the infliction of an electrical charge
9. It is prohibited for any person to possess, display, or handle any weapon, to include replicas and realistic looking toy weapons, in a manner that causes public fear, public disorder, or concern for public safety.

# Parking/Shuttles

## **Bus Times:**

Buses will operate 8:30 a.m. – Close August 24 - 25  
Pickup window for all parking locations ends at 2 p.m.  
Gates open 9 a.m. Aug. 24 - 25  
Gates close 5 p.m. Aug. 24 – 25

## **Pickup Locations:**

Bellevue East  
1401 High School Dr.  
Bellevue, NE 68005

Bellevue West  
1501 Thurston Ave.  
Bellevue, NE 68123

Bellevue University  
1000 Galvin Rd South  
Bellevue, NE 68005

Southroads Education & Tech. Center (IN BACK)  
1001 Fort Crook Rd North  
Bellevue, NE 68005

American Heroes Park  
County Hwy H10  
Bellevue, NE 68005

## **The following locations are for *Rising View residents only:***

Lemay Elementary School  
2726 Kennedy Blvd  
Bellevue, NE 68123

Peter Sarpy Elementary School  
2908 Vandenberg Ave  
Bellevue, NE 68123

## **The following (on base) location is for *DOD ID cardholders only:***

557th Weather Wing  
101 Nelson Dr.  
Offutt AFB, NE 68113  
\*accessible via the Bellevue Gate\*