

2015 JBSA Air Show – Questions and Answers

Will there be an air show this year? What time does it start and end?

Yes, the air show is scheduled for Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. Gates open at 9 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. each day.

Why have an air show?

The two-day show will allow us to open the gates to the public in a way that will provide the same opportunities to educate and enhance public awareness of military capabilities, honor our heritage, and promote positive community and international relations while showcasing our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines under the constraints of the current fiscal environment.

How does the air show fit in the budget?

Department of Defense leaders take a close look at balancing cutbacks with maintaining good community relations. Air shows give an opportunity for the public to get an active view of what their military services capabilities are while generating interest in the military and its role in national security.

What is the purpose of having the air show?

Joint Base San Antonio leaders want to hold an air show and the Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs has approved. Air shows allow the Air Force to display the capabilities of our aircraft to the American taxpayer through aerial demonstrations and static displays. Most Americans do not get the opportunity to go on a military installation to see what their tax dollars are spent on, but air shows allow Americans to get up close and personal with the equipment their money pays for. With static displays, attendees can see and feel the actual aircraft while speaking with actual operators of that aircraft. The aerial demonstrations highlight the unique capabilities of the American military services, while showcasing the world's most technologically advanced air and space force and capabilities not ordinarily seen. Air shows reach more people in two days than the base tour program can reach in a year. Air shows are also an important recruiting tool for the Air Force, and an opportunity for us to offer a glimpse into some of the jobs available, as well as today's Air Force equipment being used.

Where can I find information about the air show?

The most current information can be found on our Facebook and Twitter pages and website.

<https://www.facebook.com/JBSARandolph>

<https://twitter.com/JBSARandolph>

<http://www.jbsa.af.mil>

What's the best way to get there?

DoD ID card holders will have normal base access through the Main and West Gates and will have pedestrian access to the air show from 5th Street West. East, South and Sable Gates will be used for non DoD ID card holders. These gates will take drivers to air show public parking areas.

Is there parking for people with special needs?

Yes. Information will be forthcoming this summer.

What type of displays and entertainment should we expect?

There will be modern as well as heritage aircraft and other vehicle displays representing all military services: Air Force, Navy, Marines, Army, and Coast Guard as well as Department of Homeland Security. In addition, many public safety, emergency medical, and law enforcement agencies will provide aircraft displays.

Will there be a day for DOD personnel?

Yes, Oct. 30 is for special organizations such as the Wounded Warriors and Gold Star families and for any DoD cardholders with base access. Information will be forthcoming this summer.

Will there be food for purchase? What kind of food are you offering and what is the price range?

Yes. Concessionaires will provide food and beverage at reasonable prices.

What is the plan for inclement weather?

There are contingency plans for modified or delayed performances depending on the severity of inclement weather within the bounds of safety and regulations. If inclement weather causes a cancellation of events on either day, there will be no make-up or alternate date.

I am with the press. Is there a press tent? Where can we park our vehicles?

Yes. Information will be forthcoming this summer.

Are pets allowed?

Only certified service animals will be permitted.

Can I volunteer to work at the air show?

A number of community and civic organizations have volunteered support and personnel. Due to access and security screening requirements, taking on individual volunteers will not be possible.

What are the requirements for non-military to get on base?

For security purposes, non-DoD cardholders will need to pass through screening once at the air show location.

Are there tickets?

There will be no general admission tickets available for purchase or reservation. Attendance is free and open to the public.

What items can we bring into the show and which ones should we leave at home?

The following items are authorized into the air show grounds once a search of the items is conducted by security personnel: camera bags, diaper bags, purses, strollers and lawn chairs with or without canvas carrying cases. Prohibited items are: bicycles, coolers, backpacks, skateboards, firearms, edged weapons-knives greater than 3 ½ inches, pets and alcohol.