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2024 Air Show...The Need for Speed

From Jets to Ground Attractions...the Air Show Delivers a Top Gun Experience

CLEVELAND, OH (August 14, 2024) – The 2024 Cleveland National Air Show presented by Discount Drug Mart takes place Labor Day Weekend (August 31 & September 1, 2) at Burke Lakefront Airport in downtown Cleveland. From jets to ground attractions...the Air Show delivers a *Top Gun* experience.

The 2024 Air Show features an unprecedented line-up of jets. The show will feature U.S. Navy Blue Angels flying their F/A-18 Super Hornets. Clevelanders will witness history with the final appearance of the U.S. Air Force A-10C Thunderbolt II and the first appearance of the U.S. Marine Corps F-35B Lightning II.

Inside the gates, spectators will do a double take when the famous movie characters Maverick and Iceman come to life. The actors, portraying the screen figures, are the spitting image of the 1986 *Top Gun* movie heroes complete with mannerisms, flight suits and quotes. Maverick and Iceman will be walking through the Air Show grounds all three days meeting Air Show fans and posing for photos.

The Air Show grounds will host a variety of display aircraft. Air Show visitors will have the chance to go inside the aircraft, meet the pilots and explore aviation first hand. Unique aircraft will include a U.S. Army HH-60 Blackhawk and U.S. Air Force C-5M Super Galaxy...the largest plane in the Air Force topping out at 65' tall. And commercial planes on the grounds will range from a small Cessna used by flight schools, to a large United Airlines Boeing 737 MAX aircraft. As an added perk, many of the display aircraft boast crew members from Northeast Ohio.

The Air Show will offer spectators the opportunity to explore interactive and STEM based educational displays as well. From the U.S. Air Force Shadow Strike to the Tuskegee Airmen to NASA.

Air Show fans inside the gates; will listen in as the maneuvers of their favorite acts are explained by a professional narrator and choreographed to music; and much more!

General Admission tickets are \$35 for adults (\$40 after 8/26/24), \$20 for children ages 6-11 and FREE for children 5 and younger. **Tickets and On-Site Parking are available ONLY in advance, online at www.clevelandairshow.com – NO GATE SALES.** The Air Show is a financially self-sufficient not-for-profit organization and ticket sales directly support event production costs for this Cleveland tradition. For more information please visit www.clevelandairshow.com or call (216) 781-0747.

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The Cleveland National Air Show has been Northeast Ohio's Labor Day Weekend Tradition since 1964, attracting 60,000 to 100,000 visitors to Burke Lakefront Airport and making it one of the region's largest annual events. It is produced by Cleveland National Air Show, Inc. a 501(c)(4) not-for-profit Ohio corporation that relies on sponsorship and community support to offset the costs of producing the event. The Air Show has an annual economic impact of \$7.1 million+ on the City of Cleveland.

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