

Tidewater Council 2026 Air-O-Ree Leaders' Guide



**NAS Oceana
1750 Tomcat Blvd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23460**

September 17-20, 2026

Tidewater Council Air Show Air-O-Ree 2026

Air-O-Ree LOCATION, TIME, AND COST

Where: NAS Oceana, 1750 Tomcat Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23460

When: September 17-20, 2026 (Check-in will begin at 5pm on Thursday evening. Camping is available for 1, 2 or 3 nights. Please provide arrival plans ASAP. The first vehicle from your troop to arrive will coordinate a meet-up time with the Air Show Lead. Upon arrival, the first vehicle will meet a Scouting America Representative at the NEX (parking lot, near the gas station), just outside of the NAS Oceana Main Gate. That vehicle will get all of the passes for your Unit. The subsequent distribution of your troop's individual passes can be handled internally for your unit. Please refer to Attachment D for additional information.

Cost: \$10.00/person (Adult)
 \$10.00/person (Youth)
 \$10.00/person (Staff)

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On behalf of the Air-O-Ree Team, welcome to the 2026 Air Show Air-O-Ree at NAS Oceana.

SCOUTS, SPREAD THE WORD! WE NEED YOUR UNIT'S ATTENDANCE COUNT AND REGISTRATION PAYMENT BY September 15th, 2026.

PARTICIPATION: All Packs, Troops, Posts, Crews or Ships of Tidewater Council are welcome and highly encouraged to attend this Air-O-Ree. Units from out of Council will also be accepted.

LOCATION: NAS Oceana, Virginia Beach, VA 23460 (camping sites are around and behind the Chapel (see map)

COST: The cost of registration for the full Air-O-Ree is \$10.00 for adults, \$10.00 for Youth and \$10.00 for Staff. **Troops must register via Black Pug NLT September 15, 2026.** We have limited space.

No on-site registration will be accepted. The registration site is

<https://scoutingevent.com/596-119121-270638>

DATE: September 17-20, 2026

PROGRAM: Attendees may participate in any and all Air Show events which start Friday morning & run through Sunday evening. All units are expected to earn service hours and assist with foreign objects and debris (FOD) walk down every morning in attendance, at 7 am. It should take 30-60 minutes each time. There will be a quick brief on how to perform the FOD walk down duties prior to beginning the walk down. Hearing protection (as needed), vinyl gloves and trash bags will be provided. The walk down route can be seen in attachment B, and the route goes from Post 5 to Post 9. Scout specific Q&A and other sessions with pilots and others (including Eagle Scout Naval Aviators) are planned, more details will be provided as available. More Air Show information is available at <https://www.oceanaairshow.com/information/general-info>

Religious Services: Scouts Own on Sunday morning

REGISTRATION:

Online Registration: Please register and pay online using the Tidewater Council's online registration system, Black Pug at <https://scoutingevent.com/596-119121-270638>

Reduction in Number of Attendees: If a unit needs to reduce the number of attendees they have registered, they must notify Council at least 2 weeks in advance of the event (NLT September 3rd, 2026) to be eligible for a refund.

ARRIVAL: Arrival time is between 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM on Thursday, Friday or Saturday night. If you need to make other plans, please contact the Air-O-Ree Lead. Please bring your roster and a copy of your registration form (your registration receipt from registering and paying online). Please turn in a copy of your Unit Registration Sheet and Roster at check-in.

NOTE: Only the Adult Leader in charge should come to the registration table with the required paperwork. All other members of the unit will be directed to their camp site.

PARKING: Park ONLY in the designated parking lots. Parking in or near campsites is not permitted. **Units will be allowed to drive near the camping area to drop off gear (limited by base roads).** Trailers may be parked in the site in the designated area on the attached Site Plan for the duration of the Air-O-Ree. Vehicles may be utilized to go on and off base as necessary. NO vehicles are allowed in campsites!

CAMPSITE ASSIGNMENT: The Air-O-Ree site will be laid out with pre-assigned unit campsites based upon unit size & any specific needs. Campsites will be designated for each unit within the area shown on the attached Site Plan. Units will be shown their site upon check-in.

GENERAL RULES/GUIDELINES: All participants must adhere to the following:

1. The Scout Oath and Law
2. The Outdoor Code
3. The Guide to Safe Scouting
4. Any and all directions from NAS Oceana Safety & Security Personnel

Additionally, these rules must be followed:

1. **NO ONE is permitted in restricted Air Show areas (see map)**
2. Unit leaders are responsible for their youth and day visitors. **The “Buddy Rule” will be in effect.** Youth are not permitted to roam individually through the campsites during the scheduled program activities.
3. Youth are not permitted to leave the boundaries of the Air-O-Ree site (camping areas, Galley and Flight Line) unless moving with their unit.
4. Excessive noise or noisy are not allowed.
5. Units moving along roadways must walk in no more than two columns.
6. A Scout is Clean – each unit should come prepared to provide hand washing/sanitizing capability within their campsites and, to minimize wastewater, each participant should also bring their own individual hand sanitizer.
7. Gray water disposal procedures will be delineated at check-in.
8. Units are prohibited from using gas, diesel or natural gas generators. Electric or solar generators/power packs are allowed.
9. NO fires. Plan to cook using stoves. Please ensure you have a fire extinguisher to meet NAS Oceana Fire Marshall Code.
10. Units should plan their own food, to eat at the Galley or to buy food from Air Show vendors. If using the Base Galley, please provide numbers of people and meals to the Air-O-Ree lead NLT Sept 15th. Galley hours are: Breakfast: 7-8:30 am (Friday), 8-9:30 (Sat & Sunday), Lunch: 11-12:30 (Friday), 10:30-12:00 (Sat & Sunday), Dinner: 3:30-5:00. Prices are: \$3.35 (breakfast), \$5.55 (lunch) & \$4.75 (dinner). Price is per person and paid at the serving line entrance. Cash and credit options are

available for payments.

11. Quiet hours will be observed from 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM each night.
12. There are no SYT compliant showers on the base, even at the base gym. Please plan accordingly.
13. Please do not bring accessories that could come off and blow into the runway area. Hats are more than welcome, but please make sure that they are well fitted.
14. Fireworks, pets, firearms, electronic games, radios, TVs, and other electronic entertainment are NOT permitted. Sheath knives are NOT recommended.

LEADERSHIP: All unit leaders are responsible for the conduct of their personnel and any visitors. Two- deep leadership (in compliance with Safeguarding Youth Training Guidelines and the Guide to Safe Scouting) is required at all times.

Any personnel staying in camp overnight are required to be registered with Scouting America and have current Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) prior to the Event.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP: Units should post schedule of events, attendance roster, duty roster, menu and tent location of adult and youth leaders.

UNIFORMS: Complete official field uniforms (Class A shirts buttoned and tucked in, belts worn, etc.) are always allowable but Class B uniforms (Scouting T-shirt or collared shirt) may be worn for activities throughout the event, depending on unit rules and desires.

Note: No open-toe shoes are permitted in camp. This includes all participants, visitors, staff, and leaders, both youth and adults.

SCOUT CONDUCT: It is important that all youth and adults conduct themselves in a Scout-like manner throughout the Air-O-Ree. Excessive loud noise will not be tolerated. It is the unit's responsibility to ensure the proper conduct of their members and guests.

RECRUITING: The Air-O-Ree is a great opportunity to recruit new youth and adults. Interested youth and adults, who wish to see what fun Scouting is, are welcome to register with a unit and camp with them. Units should see this event as a recruiting tool and encourage the youth to invite their friends to join them at the Air-O-Ree for the day.

MEDICAL SERVICES: It is the unit's responsibility to have an annual health and medical record (Parts A, B1, and B2) for all participants. They may be kept in the campsite but must be made available to the medic upon request. **Individuals without medical forms will not be allowed to stay.** Units must bring their unit first aid kits to treat injuries within their capabilities. Units must report ALL injuries and other medical situations to the Air-O-Ree medical tent, even injuries treated by the unit or at an NAS Oceana Air Show medical tent. For any medical or security emergency, call 757-433-9111. Look for uniformed medical or security personnel. The main Air Show medical tent is located in front of Air Ops, Building 102. Secondary care is available at the Air Show center RV rig, and behind the BIG Yellow Duck. All medications, including over the counter and prescription medications, brought to camp are the responsibility of the unit leader. The medical tents will be staffed by qualified medical personnel throughout the event. The camp medic tent will be near the Air-O-Ree medical tent for any after hours emergencies. CPAP users must bring battery packs to power their equipment. There will be no power available in the campsites.

CAMPSITE SET-UP: Units are encouraged to set-up their campsite with their unit number, an

American, unit, or any other applicable flag. Units should camp all together, no stragglers.

FIRES and COOKING: Open fires will not be permitted in campsites. Lanterns may be used in the campsites, if elevated and off of the ground. All units should plan to cook using propane stoves or fully-contained charcoal grills, elevated off of the ground. Dutch oven or charcoal cooking will be allowed only if the charcoal is raised off the ground via a grill. Do not dig into the ground to form fire pits. **Unless your unit plans no stove or grill use, all units must have at least 1 fire extinguisher in order to meet base fire code.**

MEALS: Meals are the responsibility of each unit, and no supplies will be provided by the Air-O-Ree staff. The Galley and Air Show vendors will also be selling food during certain hours if units wish to make this part of their meal plan.

WATER: Water is available via NAS Oceana provided water buffalo, as well as other water filling sites around base. Units must bring their own water containers **full of water, then refill using the available water as needed.** Scouts should carry their own water bottles during all activities. Washing dishes, playing in the spigot water or any other activity except filling water jugs is prohibited.

LATRINES: Bathrooms, Port-a-Johns, with hand wash stations will be on-site and available for use during the Air-O-Ree. Restrooms are also being made available in the Chapel, accessed via one unlocked back door. Unless otherwise marked, all port-a-johns are unisex. Bathrooms just inside the back door, or near the chapel inside are appropriately marked as male or female and indicate youth or adult. The rest of the chapel should not be utilized unless designated by Air-O-Ree staff for inclement weather, meetings, religious services or any other needs. Please clean up after yourself in all areas.

TRASH DISPOSAL: Plan to haul out your trash. If dumpsters are available on site, that info will be provided at check in. All participants are expected to practice the Leave No Trace principles to the maximum extent possible.

PATCHES: All registered attendees will receive the Air-O-Ree patch. Patches will be distributed to units following check out and once the unit has turned in at least one evaluation sheet from unit leader and one from SPL or youth leader (as applicable).

TAPS/LIGHTS OUT: A Scout is courteous. Taps are at 11:00 PM. Unit leaders must ensure that lanterns are out, and all youth are quietly in their tents. Quiet hours extend until 5:00 AM.

BAD WEATHER: Be Prepared. All units should arrive prepared for foul weather. See available training in e-training at [my.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org). This is a rain or shine event! In case of a **very** severe weather threat, the Air Show may be cancelled and with it the Air-O-Ree. Local news will provide this info even before Air-O-Ree staff can contact units. In the case of foul weather during the event, follow directions of Air-O-Ree staff and base personnel for shelter and/or evacuation instructions.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES: We plan to hold a Scouts Own service on Sunday morning. Units wanting to assist, please contact the Air-O-Ree Lead.

FEEDBACK: Units are requested to provide constructive feedback to the staff at the conclusion of the event. Please complete the attached Air-O-Ree Evaluation Form (Attachment F) and return it to the check-out person upon exit. Evaluation forms are to be filled out by youth (except for Cub Scout Units) and adults. At least one feedback form must be turned in to receive the unit's event patches.

CHECK-OUT: Do not leave camp before your site has been inspected. If at all possible, units are requested to help with the 7 am FOD walk down on Sunday morning before they depart. All units must check-out no later than 1:00 pm Sunday, September 20th. Each unit is expected to clean their campsite area. When ready for check-out, please send a representative from the unit to the staff headquarters area to request a check-out inspection. Units will receive their patches upon successful completion of the inspection and once a Air-O-Ree feedback form is turned in. **If units stay on base past this time for Air Show events, that is fine, as long as their campsite is clear and all items are packed in vehicles.**

Attachments:

A- Air-O-Ree Site Plan

B- Air Show Map

C- Air-O-Ree Schedule and List of Activities

D- Base Access Information Form

E- Unit Roster Form

F- Air-O-Ree Evaluation Form

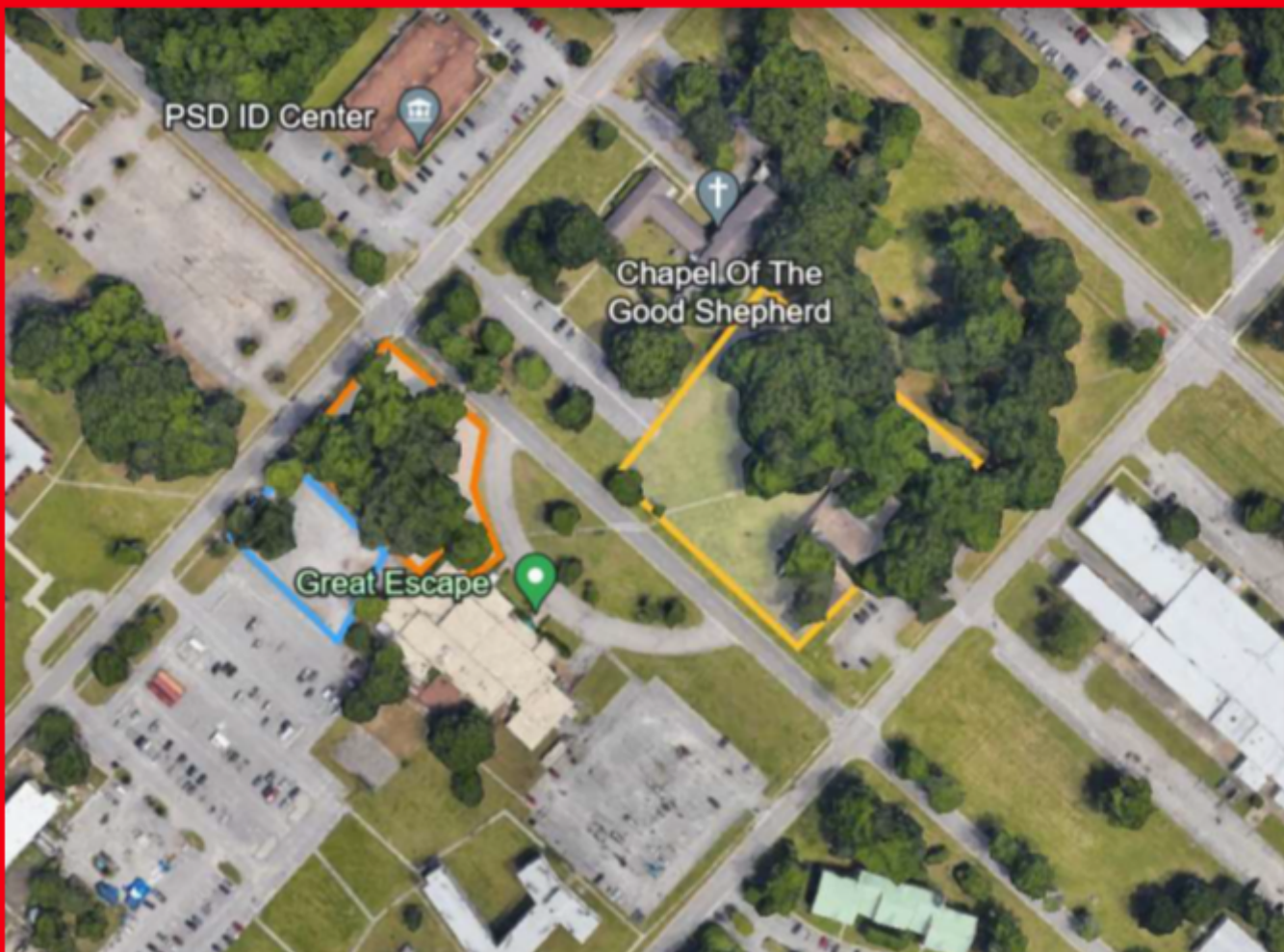
Attachment A
AIR-O-REE Site Plan

Directions to NAS Oceana: Your first approach to the Air Station is from Interstate 64 East or West. From 64, take 264 East to First Colonial Road, Exit 21A. Proceed on First Colonial past Virginia Beach Blvd. First Colonial becomes Oceana Blvd. Follow Oceana Blvd for the next 4 miles, passing the Oceana Stables. The next right will be Tomcat Blvd., which leads to the main gate. The NEX Gas Station (where you go to pick up your pass) is on the left, just after you turn onto Tomcat Blvd. and prior to getting to the gate. From the front gate, drive Northwest on Tomcat Blvd, make a left turn onto D Ave, and the Campgrounds are at the corner of D Ave and 3rd Street. The registration site will be just in front of the Great Escape.

Base Chapel Address: 803 D. Ave, Bldg 330, NAS Oceana, VA 23460

Base Galley Address: 858 D. Ave, NAS Oceana, VA 23460

The Great Escape, 1830 Third st, Bldg 430, NAS Oceana, VA 23460



Base Air Operations Office Address: 701 Operations Drive, NAS Oceana, VA 23460



Attachment C
AIR-O-REE DRAFT Schedule and List of Activities
(Final schedule will be available at check-in)

Performer lineup:

- The USN Blue Angels
- Rhino Demonstration Team
- F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team
- Air Power Demonstration
- Naval Academy Parachute Team
- Michael Goulian
- Aarron Deliu
- Warbird Thunder
- Redline Air Shows
- Bob Carlton
- RJ Gritter
- Next Gen Eagles
- Military Aviation Museum

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Air Show final set-up day

6:00PM - 9:00 PM Registration, Camp Set-up (contact Air-O-Ree Lead)

Friday, September 18, 2026

Air Show STEM Day/Rehearsal Day

– The day is dedicated to VIP/Military Dependent/Special Needs Day: Base is NOT open to the general public, however, Air-O-Ree participants are welcome to explore and spectate as their schedule allows.

6:00 AM	Reveille
7:00 - 8:00 AM	FOD Walk Down from Post 5 to 9
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Registration, Camp Set-up
10:00 AM	Air Show Performers start practice flights/performances
3:30 PM	Blue Angels Perform
5:30 PM	Notional completion time of all STEM and Performer activities
TBD	Scout Q&A sessions with squadron personnel and up-close & personal time in F-22 aircraft hanger
9:00-9:45 PM	Leaders Meeting in the chapel (SM and SPL, Station Leader, Eagle Scouts)
11:00 PM	Taps-Lights Out

Saturday, September 19, 2025

Air Show Day #1 (open to the Public)

6:00 AM	Reveille
7:00 - 8:00 AM	FOD Walk Down from Post 5 to 9
8:00 AM	NAS Oceana Gates open to Public
8:00 - 9:30 AM	Unit Breakfast
10:00	Air Show Performances start
10:30 - 12:00 PM	Lunch
3:00 PM	Blue Angels Perform
3:30 - 5:00 PM	Dinner

5:30 PM	Notional completion time of all Performer activities
TBD	Scout Q&A sessions with squadron personnel and up-close & personal time in aircraft hangers
6:00 PM	NAS Oceana Beach Blast in Virginia Beach## (3001 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach, VA)
11:00 PM	Taps-Lights Out

Requires driving to the Beach and then coming back to base if you're camping Sat night.

6:00 PM: Concert Start

6:45 PM: National Anthem

6:47 PM: Jumpers away

6:58-7:20 PM: Flyovers Rhino & Raptor

7:20 PM: Blue Angels Team Introduction and meet & greet

7:35 PM: Band resumes

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Air Show Day #2 (open to the Public)

6:00	Reveille
7:00 - 8:00 AM	FOD Walk Down from Post 5 to 9
8:00 AM	NAS Oceana Gates open to Public
8:00 - 9:30 AM	Unit Breakfast
TBD	Chapel (at Units discretion), NAS Oceana Chapel will not have services
8:00 - 11:00 AM	Strike Camp, Clean-up Campsite, Final Inspections and Check-out
10:00	Air Show Performances start
10:30 - 12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Air-O-Ree Closed (Units can stay on base, but need to have all gear packed)
3:00 PM	Blue Angels Perform
5:30 PM	Notional completion time of all Performer activities

***Units can deviate on meal times as desired. All Air Show participation is at unit discretion. We ask that ALL participate in the FOD walk downs!**
ALL TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Attachment D
Base Access Information Form

SPONSOR VERIFICATION SPREADSHEET

ALL FIELDS REQUIRED

START DATE	END DATE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI	DL# , REAL ID # , or PASSPORT #	STATE	F/L (Y/N)	HOURS and DAYS
18-Sep-25	21-Sep-25	Scout	Tommy	S	1234567	VA	Y	1500 on 9/18 to 1800 on 9/21

– Information above is an example. The “F/L Column” means Flight line so everyone puts Y for Yes.

– Information is needed for all persons 18 and older, not for youth. Photo ID IS required for anyone 18 and older!

Attachment E
AIR-O-REE
Unit Roster

Unit: _____

Unit Leader (On site): _____

Contact Cell Number: _____

SPL/Youth Leader: _____

Patrol Name: _____

Patrol Leader: _____

Members:

Patrol Name: _____

Patrol Leader: _____

Members:

Patrol Name: _____

Patrol Leader: _____

Members:

Patrol Name: _____

Patrol Leader: _____

Members:

Unit Adults:

Note. An Excel spreadsheet can be used with similar content. Use a second sheet if needed.

******Turn this form in at Check-out******

Attachment F

2025 AIR-O-REE

Evaluation Form

Please rate the below questions using a scale 1 to 5 (5 being the best).

Location (Site & Facilities):	1	2	3	4	5
Leader Guide (Overall):	1	2	3	4	5
• Did it help prepare you for this weekend?	1	2	3	4	5
• Was it available in time?	1	2	3	4	5
• Was any information missing? Elaborate below	1	2	3	4	5
• Was it easy to Register?	1	2	3	4	5
Program & Schedule (Overall):	1	2	3	4	5
• Was the Air-O-Ree Staff knowledgeable?	1	2	3	4	5
• Were events fun & interesting?	1	2	3	4	5
• How was the engagement with Air Show participants?	1	2	3	4	5
• Would you like to see this happen again?	1	2	3	4	5
FOD Walk Down (Overall):	1	2	3	4	5
• Did the instruction for the walk down meet your needs?	1	2	3	4	5
• Did you have all the necessary equipment?	1	2	3	4	5

Would you like to help plan the next Air-O-Ree?

_____ Yes, count me in!

_____ I might be able to help in a limited capacity.

_____ I don't know, call me when it's time.

_____ Are you crazy?

Contact Info:

Name _____

Email _____

Cell # _____

Unit _____ Position _____

Suggestions/Comments (use back or additional paper as needed, or email Air-O-Ree Lead):