



AirVenture 2025

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AirVenture 2024: Monday July 22 – Sunday July 28

Attendance continues to grow steadily – airshow attendees and camp grounds!

2024: 686,000; all time record

2023: 677,000

2022: 652,000

Oshkosh population is only ~67,000 people, show overwhelms the town!

They know what to expect and gear up for it...

Normal attendance patterns

Fri afternoon – Sun (before the show):

Maximum inflow for campers in Camp Scholler & fly-in camping/parking

Mon - Wed:

Most homebuilt (E-AB) aircraft on the grounds

N40 parking/camping fills by Sunday sometime; overflow into S40

Many early arrivers (especially homebuilt) start departing Wed/Thur

Wed daytime airshow larger than Mon & Tues; That combined with night airshow tends to draw local attendees

Thur - Sat:

Thursday AM tends to be a lot of departures, later in day are more arrivals

More regional (Chicago/Milwaukee/Madison/Green Bay) attendees; more attendees just there for the airshows

Saturday day & night airshows usually a copy of Wednesdays++: a little more “grand”

Saturday has the highest attendance and is the busiest day of the week; a LOT of local & regional people drive in for the day

Sun:

Mass exodus: airplanes and campers! By late morning most aircraft have departed; abbreviated airshow

Primary Information Sources

AirVenture.org

Primary EAA website for info about the show

Best source for pre-show research

Announcements, press releases, maps for planning, etc.

AirVenture app

App changed to “EAA Events”, won’t necessarily update from old app

Info updated frequently, even during the show

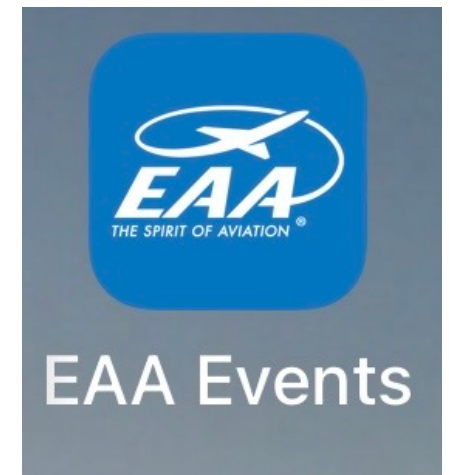
Good tool for trying to deconflict your personal schedule

Does NOT share between devices though...

Schedules for airshows, performers, forums, etc

Maps of the grounds

Transportation info & shuttle maps



2024 AirVenture Venue Schedule

Theater in the woods

Mon: Burt Rutan (he will be flying in during the Mon airshow)

Tue: 80th anniversary of D-Day and turning of the tide for WW-II

Wed: WomenVenture, helicopters and vertical lift

Thurs: Snowbirds & RCAF

Fri: NASA & Artemis 2; astronauts, flight directors, engineers

Sat: Air Force Edwards AFB, Flight Test, Test Pilots

Fly-in Theater (Camp Scholler)

Sat: Top Gun (1986; Tom Cruise, Anthony Edwards, Val Kilmer)

Sun: Million Miles Away (2023; Michael Peña)

Mon: Fighter Squadron (1948; Robert Stack)

Tue: Toward the Unknown (1956; William Holden, Virginia Leith)

Wed: Free Birds (1990; Nicholas Cage)

Thurs: Captains of the Clouds (1942; James Cagney)

Fri: The Blue Angels (2024; documentary)

Sat: The Right Stuff (1983; Ed Harris, Sam Shepard, Dennis Quaid)

Camping in Chapter Campsites (Camp Scholler)

Chapter 80 is again planning to participate in the EAA Chapter Campsite program
6 sites (max allowed) staked out by EAA approx. 1.5-2 weeks prior to show start

Exact location and layout will not be known until we have “eyes on”
Could be 1x6 along road, 3x2 between roads; a few sites limited to 25’ depth vs. nominal size of 30’
Bob C. arrives very early and will locate/provide site details to the POC

Chapter site benefit: participants don’t have to find & stake out their own site
Will also be camping with other chapter members
sites available to occupy ~1.5 weeks prior to show start
Far better location than showing up a couple days before show starts and getting own site

Campers must coord arrival with on-site POC to get credentials; camper registration will NOT have them!
Except for initial arrival coord w/POC, all other info & rules on Camp Scholler camping applies

Camp Scholler - Main

Opens 6/27/25 @0700

Main Registration Entrance

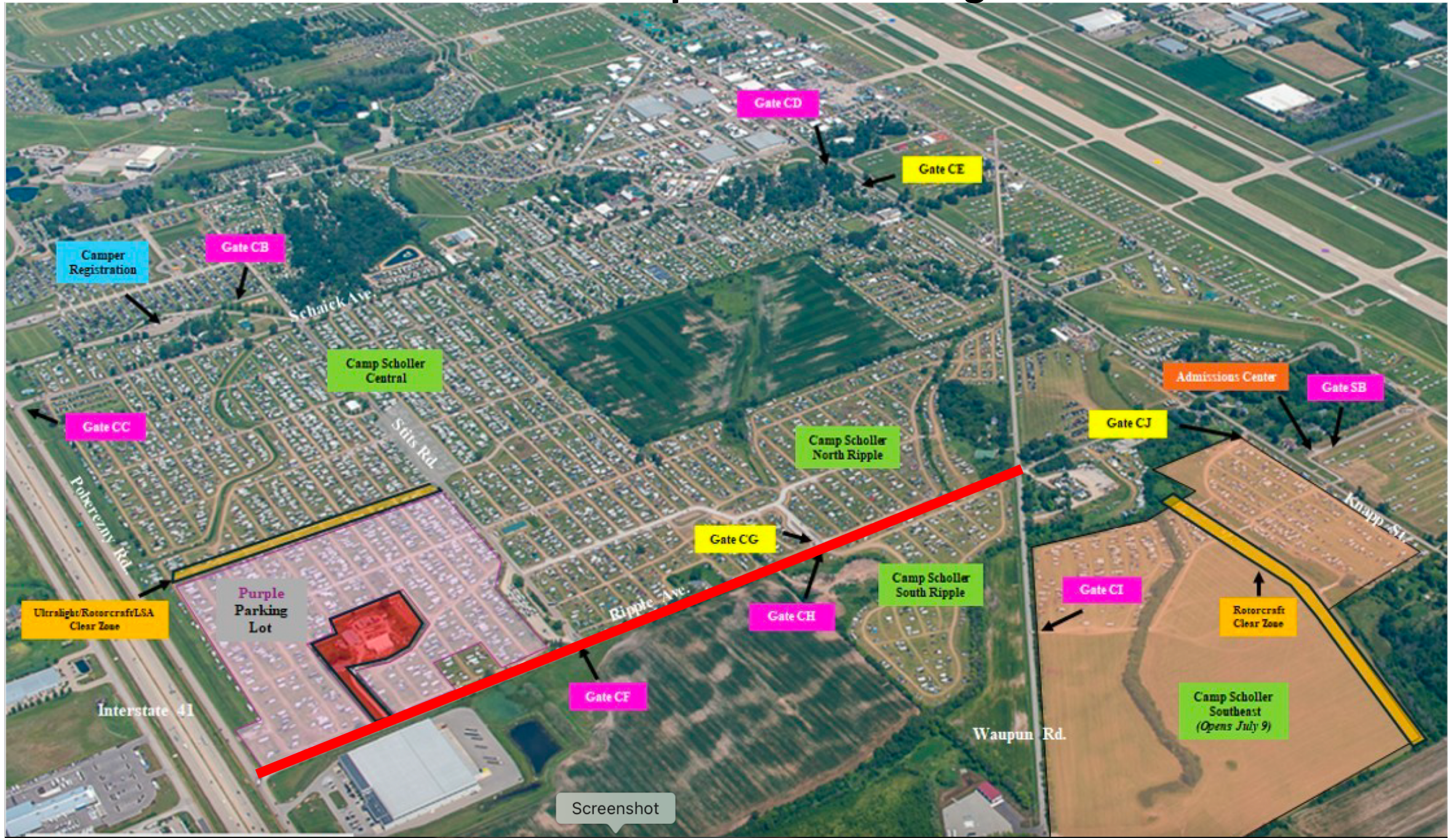
West Gate

Theater in the Woods



- ▲ Bob's usual location
- ★ 2022 chapter location
- ★ 2023 chapter location
- ★ 2024 chapter location

2025 Camp Scholler Changes



Oshkosh 2025 – Major Themes

- VE/VJ 80th - New Technology
- Korea 75th
- Goodyear Air Ships 100th
- National Guard – USAF Feature
- Innovations
- Public Benefit Flying
- Space – Artemis / NASA
- Pioneers of Flight
- MOSAIC



Oshkosh 2025 – Major Themes

VE/VJ 80th

- Focus on emerging technology
 - Early Jets: Me262, Vampire (x2), Pinto, T-33, Mig 17
- Tues run-up planned (20+ aircraft confirmed)

Korea

- Variety of Korean-era aircraft on Plaza
- MASH cast reunion at Theatre in the Woods
- B-29's and early jets kick-off Wednesday night show

Goodyear – 100th Anniversary of Airship Operations

- Two airships – one in original livery
 - Integration into day / night air shows, FFZ and Fly-In Theatre



Oshkosh 2025 – Major Themes

National Guard

- National Guard Bureau is fully engaged
- Plaza aircraft from a variety of Guard units
- WIANG demo planned

Innovation

- Tuesday focus Plaza and airshow
- Demos planned: Beta, American Ag Drones and MagniX

Public Benefit

- Anchored by Samaritan's Purse DC-8
- Goal is to increase GA pilot participation – “Pilots We Need Your Help”
 - ACA and Operation Helo participation
- Theatre in the Woods
 - Wednesday – Rescue Flying
 - Friday - LA Wildfires



Oshkosh 2025 – Major Themes

Pioneers of Flight

- VAA based effort
- Santos Dumont Demoiselle with EAA's Bleriot and Moraine



MOSAIC

- Significant communications effort throughout the week
- Town Hall, forums, all EAA communications channels and Member Center



Space

- NASA coordinated
- Artemis II & III update
- Crew members, flight director & engineers



Oshkosh 2025 – Highlights

- **Anniversaries / Gatherings**

- Goodyear Airship 100th
- Fairchild 100th
- Travel Air 100th
- Delta 100th
- Pitts 80th
- Bell 47 80th
- Robinson 50th
- C180/185
- Ercoupe
- Corsair 85th
- A-1 80th

- **Cool Aircraft**

- PB4Y Privateer
- Me262
- Demoiselle
- C-121
- B747 SP Testbed
- Vampire (x2)
- C-121
- F-35B
- Beta Alia CX300 CTOL
- U-2
- DC-8
- Lewis Cats

Oshkosh 2025 – Air Show Highlights

- **Monday**

- Rob Holland Celebration
- NextGen Eagles
- C-17 Demo & F-22 / F-35A Heritage

- **Tuesday**

- Beta Technologies
- F-35B Demo
- Miss Bardahl, Plum Crazy and Thunderbird

- **Wednesday**

- WWII Parade of Aircraft
- IAC Demo
- Patty Wagstaff

- **Wednesday Night**

- B-29's and early jets to open
- Drones, fireworks, Nate Hammond / Ken Rieder

Oshkosh 2025 – Air Show Highlights

- **Thursday**
 - Showcase – Vintage
 - Golden Knights
 - Jerry Conley (Vampire), Me262 & Northern Stars
- **Friday**
 - Showcase - Seaplanes
 - Cat Flight (F4U, F5F, F6F, F7F)
 - F-22 Demo
 - WI NG Capability Demo
- **Saturday**
 - KC-46 & F-35B Demo
 - Cat Flight
- **Saturday Night**
 - Drones, fireworks, Nate Hammond / Ken Rieder
- **Sunday**
 - KC-46 Demo & F-35B & F-22 Heritage

Oshkosh 2025 – Boeing Plaza

Anchors

- KC-135R NW
- B-29's NE
- U-2 Middle S
- DC-8 SW
- C-121 SE
- KC-46 Middle S

Partial Week

- DL A350 (Tue)
- AS B737 (Wed/Thu)
- Pratt B747 SP (Mon-Wed)
- B-1 (Thu – Sun)

Special Features

- Flight of the Cats (Tue / Wed)
- Me262 (TBD)

Themes

- Public Benefit All Week
- ANG All Week
- VE / VJ Tue / Wed
- Innovations Tue
- WomenVenture Wed
- Korea Thur / Fri

ANG Aircraft

- KC-46 NH ANG
- KC-135 WI ANG
- F-35A WI ANG
- F-35A AL ANG
- F-16 MN ANG
- C-17 AK ANG
- F-15 OR ANG

Monday, July 21, 2025

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Wisconsin Air National Guard - 128th Air Refueling Wing | KC-135R Stratotanker

Commemorative Air Force | B-29 Superfortress "FIFI"

United States Air Force - 9th Reconnaissance Wing | U-2 Dragon Lady

Samaritan's Purse | Douglas DC-8

Air Legends Foundation | C-121A Constellation "Bataan"

New Hampshire Air National Guard - 157th Air Refueling Wing | KC-46 Pegasus ("Live Free or Die" Livery)

Wisconsin Air National Guard - 115th Fighter Wing | F-35A Lightning II

Minnesota Air National Guard - 148th Fighter Wing | F-16 Viper

Massachusetts Air National Guard - 104th Fighter Wing | F-15C Eagle

Air Legends Foundation | Flight of the Cats (F4F Wildcat, F6F Hellcat, F7F Tigercat, F8F Bearcat)

Arkansas Air National Guard – 189th Airlift Wing | C-130J Super Hercules

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

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Delta Air Lines | Airbus A350-900

Air Legends Foundation | Flight of the Cats (F4F Wildcat, F6F Hellcat, F7F Tigercat, F8F Bearcat)

Arkansas Air National Guard – 189th Airlift Wing | C-130J Super Hercules

Innovations (Various)

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

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Massachusetts Air National Guard - 104th Fighter Wing | F-15C Eagle

Alaska Airlines | Alaska Airlines Boeing 737 MAX 9

Arkansas Air National Guard – 189th Airlift Wing | C-130J Super Hercules

Thursday, July 24, 2025

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Wisconsin Air National Guard - 128th Air Refueling Wing | KC-135R Stratotanker

B-29 DOC | B-29 Superfortress "DOC"

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Consolidated PB4Y-2 Privateer

Misc. Korean War Aircraft (P-80, F-84, MiG15, F-86, T-6, AD-4, AD-5W, F4U)

Arkansas Air National Guard – 189th Airlift Wing | C-130J Super Hercules

Berlin Airlift Historical Foundation | C-54 Skymaster "Spirit of Freedom"

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American Airlines | Airbus A321 ("Flagship Valor" Livery; Honor Flight Aircraft)

Berlin Airlift Historical Foundation | C-54 Skymaster "Spirit of Freedom"

U.S. Marine Corps - VMA-223 & VMFAT-501 | AV-8B Harrier II and F-35B Lightning II

Saturday, July 26, 2025

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Wisconsin Air National Guard - 128th Air Refueling Wing | KC-135R Stratotanker

B-29 DOC | B-29 Superfortress "DOC"

United States Air Force - 9th Reconnaissance Wing | U-2 Dragon Lady

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Sunday, July 27, 2025

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Wisconsin Air National Guard - 128th Air Refueling Wing | KC-135R Stratotanker

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Oshkosh 2025 – Theater in the Woods

- SUNDAY An Evening with Champions
- MONDAY Korea 75th
- TUESDAY Space/NASA
- WEDNESDAY WomenVenture
- THURSDAY MASH Cast Reunion
- FRIDAY LA Fire Bombing
- SATURDAY National Guard



Oshkosh 2025 – Fly-In Theatre

- SATURDAY Top Gun
- SUNDAY 16 Right and Living in the Age of Airplanes
- MONDAY Goodyear 100th Documentary and Thunderbolt
- TUESDAY Bridges at Toko-Ri
- WEDNESDAY Magnificent Men and Their Flying Machines
- THURSDAY Mission Impossible – Final Reckoning
- FRIDAY MASH Final Episode
- SATURDAY Fly Away Home



Questions?

