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## ***We're Back!*** ***2021 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger*** ***drops drive-in format and returns to a normal show***

Dayton, Ohio – Governor DeWine’s announcement that Ohio’s health restrictions will end on June 2<sup>nd</sup> has given the CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger the green light to conduct a “**normal**” show in 2021. Show officials jumped at the chance to fully reopen and present a traditional show program complete with static display aircraft, specialty seating and a star-studded line-up of top aerobatic performers.

This year’s show will be headlined by the **U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds** on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. 2021 marks the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dayton’s premier summer event held at Dayton International Airport.

“Hurray! We are back to a normal show,” proclaimed Scott Buchanan, Chairman of the United States Air and Trade Show Board of Trustees, producers of the event. “We’re so excited to return and give the people of Dayton an outdoor summer event to enjoy with family and friends. We have an incredible lineup of performers, comfortable seating and delicious food and beverages, so come on out and enjoy summer...it’s been a long time since we have been able to do this,” Buchanan added.

### **U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds**



### **Popular Show Specialty Seating Reopens**



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Show officials have spoken to Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County and received Ohio Department Public Health's new order permitting the show to return to normal operations. The show will operate as it has in the past. Static aircraft will be available for public viewing and popular specialty seating areas like the Pavilion, Blue Sky Chalet, and Photo Pit will be open.

The show values its customers and will be implementing some new initiatives that will make guests feel comfortable and safe:

- **Fresh Air:** Everything is outdoors. Nothing like good ole fresh air on a beautiful summer day.
- **Space:** We have over 100 acres of show grounds. Plenty of room to spread out and enjoy the show.
- **Hand Sanitation Stations:** Hand sanitation stations throughout site for guest convenience and safety.
- **Specialty Seating:** All umbrella table seating areas, Pavilion, Blue Sky Chalet, private chalets and Chairman's Club spaced a minimum of 6' apart.
- **Cleaning:** Tables, restrooms and other surfaces disinfected each day.

Show spectators will enjoy a full, four-hour feature flying show in 2021. Joining the world-renowned **U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds** will be an all-star lineup including the **U.S. Army Golden Knights**, the **AeroShell Aerobatic Team**, the amazing **Shockwave Jet Truck**, all-new **Lucas Oil Airshows**, and **Jacquie B "Ladies, it's Time to Fly"** aerobatics. Additional attractions to the 2021 show will be announced soon.

This year is a special year for the Thunderbirds in Dayton. Flying in Thunderbird # 6 as opposing solo will be Dayton native, Major Kyle Oliver. Born at Wright-Patterson AFB Medical Center, Kyle went on to graduate from Beavercreek High School and Ohio State University. He was inspired to join the U.S. Air Force while watching the Thunderbirds as a teen visitor to the **Dayton Air Show**. What a true Dayton, Ohio homecoming!

2021 show tickets are on sale now at the show's website, [www.daytonairshow.com](http://www.daytonairshow.com). Customers can enjoy a print-at-home option on all website purchases. Beginning June 1, 2021, customers can conveniently purchase discount general admission tickets at area **Kroger stores**. This Kroger exclusive offers \$3.00 off adult and children's tickets at over 100 Kroger stores in the Dayton/Cincinnati region. Visit the show's website for additional information.

Any drive-in tickets purchased for the 2021 show will be automatically refunded. Please visit the show's website for further information and instructions. Any specialty seating that was purchased for the 2020 show or 2021 show before the change to a drive-in format will be honored at the 2021 show on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Visit the show's website for more information.

For additional information on 2021 performers, visit their websites below:

<https://afthunderbirds.com/site/>

<https://www.goarmy.com/events/golden-knights.html>

[www.naat.net/](http://www.naat.net/)

<https://www.shockwavejettruck.com/> <https://www.lucasoilairshows.com/> <http://www.jacquebairshows.com/>

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*Founded in 1975, the CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger is one of North America's premier air shows. It features world-class aerobatic champions, military jet demonstrations and entertainment for the whole family, celebrating Dayton's rich aviation heritage as home of the Wright Brothers, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force and National Aviation Heritage Area. It is produced by the United States Air and Trade Show, Inc., a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit Ohio corporation that relies on sponsorship and community support to offset costs. The Dayton/Montgomery County Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates the show adds \$3.7 million to the region's economy every year.*