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LET YOUR EXPERIENCE SOAR:

WATCH THE 58th ANNUAL CHICAGO AIR AND WATER SHOW FROM NAVY PIER

Enjoy the Thursday-Friday practice sessions or Saturday-Sunday show performances from the Navy Pier East End Plaza or while riding the new Centennial Wheel

CHICAGO – Navy Pier is the spot to experience the *Chicago Air and Water Show* like never before. This year's 58th edition of daredevil thrills in the sky and on the water features the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, and takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 20, and Sunday, August 21, along with Thursday and Friday practice sessions at that same time. During those four days, Navy Pier will offer free, unobstructed views of the show from the northeast corner of the Pier, including its East End Plaza. For the first time, guests can also reach new heights in their viewing experience by riding the Pier's 200-foot-tall *Centennial Wheel* during the weekend practices and performances.



The *Chicago Air and Water Show* attracts two million spectators annually to its main viewing spots at North Avenue Beach and along the Chicago lakefront. Navy Pier offers far smaller crowds than the beaches. The Pier also has indoors spaces, where spectators can seek relief from the rain, sun and heat; get a cold drink; dine at the Pier's Chicago-centric Food Experience; and enjoy fun attractions throughout the day as part of Navy Pier's Fifth Third Bank Centennial Celebration. The Pier is also proud to present the Aon Summer Fireworks show at 10:15 p.m. on Saturday.

In addition to the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds precision flying team, other featured headliners for the 58th *Chicago Air and Water Show* include:

- U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team
- U.S. Navy Leap Frogs Parachute Team
- F-35 Heritage Fighter Jet (Never Before Seen at the Air & Water Show)
- U.S.A.F. F-16 Fighting Falcon
- U.S. Navy F-18 Fighter Jet
- C-130 Hercules Combat Transport

For the safety and security of all guests, and to ensure a good experience for everyone, Navy Pier will adhere to the same restrictions as those implemented by the City of Chicago during this event. The following items are prohibited from being brought onto the Pier:

- Alcoholic beverages
- BBQ grills
- Fireworks or explosives
- Illegal substances and weapons
- Pop-up tents/canopies
- Balloons
- Kites
- Flag poles
- All pets (except for service animals)

For more information, please check the Navy Pier website: www.navypier.com.

About Navy Pier

Located on Lake Michigan, Navy Pier is the top-attended leisure destination in the Midwest, stretching more than six city blocks and welcoming more than 9 million guests annually. Originally opened in 1916 as a shipping and recreation facility, this Chicago landmark showcases more than 50 acres of parks, restaurants, attractions, retail shops, sightseeing and dining cruise boats, exposition facilities and more. In 2016, Navy Pier celebrates its 100th anniversary with a series of special events and programming, the grand opening of its new *Centennial Wheel* and ongoing pier-wide redevelopment efforts as part of the “Fifth Third Bank Centennial Celebration.” Navy Pier, Inc., a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization, maintains and oversees Navy Pier and its redevelopment into a bolder, greener and more contemporary urban space. For more information, visit our website at www.navypier.com.

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