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Updates for the Central Coast AirFest 2024 and Planes of Fame Air Museum Expansion Project

Santa Maria, CA, June 6, 2024 – The Central Coast AirFest is back, presented by Planes of Fame Air Museum. Mark your calendars for September 21-22, 2024, and visit the Santa Maria Airport for another action packed weekend at this wonderful community event.

Central Coast AirFest 2024 Highlights: This year's AirFest will honor the retirement of the USAF A-10 Demo Team, known for their dynamic and powerful performances. Don't miss one of your last chances to see this incredible aircraft in action. Attendees will also witness spectacular displays by the USN F-18 and USAF C-17 Demo Teams, along with awe-inspiring aerobatic acts and vintage warbirds from the Planes of Fame collection. The event will also feature impressive static displays, including F-35s, a KC-135, and a showcase of National Aviation Heritage Invitational (NAHI) participants.

Tickets and Special Packages: Discount tickets are on sale now! Special ticketing options have been introduced to enhance your AirFest experience:

- **Grandstand Seating:** Enjoy prime views of all the action.
- **Flightline Club:** Get closer to the runway with exclusive access.
- **VIP Tent Access:** Experience the AirFest in style with premium amenities.

Sponsorship packages are also available, offering businesses a unique opportunity to be part of this high-profile event.

Community Benefits: The Planes of Fame Air Museum aims to bring numerous benefits to the local community, including enhanced STEM educational opportunities for students, increased tourism, and economic development. The museum will strengthen the community's connection to our nation's aviation heritage while showcasing local aviation history in partnership with the Santa Maria Museum of Flight.

Planes of Fame Expansion: In addition to AirFest highlights, the Planes of Fame Air Museum is expanding to a new 23-acre campus at the Santa Maria Airport. The first phase includes a 56,000 square foot building, with \$9.5 million already raised towards the \$12 million goal. This new facility will house part of the museum's extensive collection, providing educational and tourism benefits to the region.

Youth Programs: The museum aims to enhance STEM educational opportunities for local students and has launched two local programs in connection with the Central Coast Airfest. The High School Skyward Bound Program and the Youth Art Contest are designed to inspire and educate young minds about aviation. Hundreds of students will participate in these programs and receive free tickets to the Central Coast AirFest.

Join Us: For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.centralcoastairfest.com. Don't miss out on this incredible event—get your tickets now and be part of the excitement!

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