



The Canadian Forces Snowbirds

The Canadian Forces Snowbirds are proud to uphold the legacy of military aviation excellence as Canada's Air Demonstration Team.

The thrilling display of the 9-jet precision flying by the Snowbirds is made possible thanks to a highly skilled and dedicated team of pilots, technicians (aviation, avionics, aircraft structure, supply), mobile support operators, resource management support clerks, engineers, a logistics officer and a public affairs officer. Together, while serving as ambassadors, all members of the Snowbirds showcase the skill, professionalism and teamwork inherent in the women and men of the Canadian Armed Forces.

The Snowbirds are based out of 15 Wing Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan and are comprised of just over 80 Canadian Armed Forces members, 24 who travel to 40 locations across Canada and the United States for the 2019 season.

The Snowbirds fly the CT-114 *Tutor* aircraft that was designed and built in Canada by Canadair as the Canadian Armed Forces primary jet trainer until it was replaced by the CT-155 Hawk and CT-156 Harvard II in 2000. The single General Electric J85 engine produces 2,700 pounds of thrust which propels the relatively light aircraft to speeds of more than 400 knots. The straight wing design creates a lot of lift and the controls are finely tuned making it a classic sports car of the air. Despite its age, with the exceptional maintenance it receives, the Tutor is a perfect platform as a formation aerobatic demonstration jet.

The Snowbirds' "TankCam", a modified smoke tank mounted on the belly of Snowbird 1 holds three high-resolution cameras capable of capturing stunning video and imagery of the entire formation in flight. As a result, the #TankCam has the capability to capture rarely seen imagery of the formation; sceneries of hometowns during airshows for spectators and fans to watch on our official team social media accounts.

The Snowbirds invite you to meet our dedicated team consisting of aerobatic show pilots, a public affairs officer, and highly skilled aviation, avionics, aircraft structure and mobile support technicians showcasing their aviation expertise at an air show site near you.

For more information about the 2019 Canadian Forces Snowbirds:

