

Proud Ambassadors

The Snowbirds are proud ambassadors for the Canadian Forces and Canada as they bring their inspiring and breathtaking show to communities across North America. Honoured to represent the professionalism, dedication and teamwork of the Canadian Forces, the Snowbirds strive to preserve the tradition of excellence they have inherited and to bring goodwill to all the communities they have the privilege of visiting.

The Snowbirds have called Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, home since they were formed in 1971. During their 35-year history, the Snowbirds have performed in more than 2,000 air shows, before more than 117 million spectators. Flying in their CT-114 Tutor jet, painted red and white, symbolic of Canada's national colours, the Snowbirds perform in large and small communities from coast to coast. During their 2007 show season, 24 Snowbirds will travel across North America from May to October, performing in about 60 air shows in 35 locations. This demanding schedule is met through the dedicated teamwork of the entire 85-member Squadron.

The Snowbirds team is comprised of Canadian Forces personnel, with years of military experience from the Army, Navy and Air Force. Every year, pilots and technicians who aspire to be Snowbirds apply for the position and are selected based on skill and experience. Pilots undergo a rigorous try-out to evaluate their formation flying proficiency. Requiring the highest degree of piloting skills and maintenance expertise, the team flies their nine-plane formations with distances as close as 4-feet of wing overlap at speeds ranging from 100 to 320 knots during their exciting show, which is comprised of more than 50 different manoeuvres.

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