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BROOKS ANNOUNCES 2009 AIR SHOW WILL BE HELD AT ONTARIO BEACH

Hugely Popular Community Event Will Showcase Beautiful County Park

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced that the 2009 ESL International Air and Water Show will be held May 30th & 31st at the Ontario Beach Park. Typically hosted by the Greater Rochester International Airport, this year's air and water show will showcase one our area's most popular summer-time destinations and serve as an official kick-off for the summer event season in Monroe County.

"I am thrilled to announce that the ESL International Air and Water Show will be presented at Ontario Beach Park this year," said **Brooks**. *"Ontario Beach is truly one of the crown jewels in our outstanding County Parks system, and has long been synonymous with summer fun for countless families in our area. By bringing the air show to the sand and surf of Ontario Beach, we hope send our community soaring into the summer event season on a high note."*

The Canadian Forces famed elite precision flying team, the Snowbirds Demonstration Squadron, will make their first appearance in Rochester and serve as the feature act in the upcoming ESL International Air and Water Show.

"Monroe County is proud that the Canadian Forces Snowbirds have selected Rochester as one of its 41 show sites across the United States and Canada for 2009," continued **Brooks**. *"This will mark the Snowbirds inaugural performance in our area, which is especially significant considering Canada is celebrating its centennial of flight this year."*

In addition to the famous Canadian Forces Snowbirds, there will be several civilian air show performers participating in the ESL International Air and Water Show. Spectators can also look forward to viewing tactical demos by the A-10 Thunderbolt II, the USAF F-15E Strike Eagle, the US Navy F-18F Super Hornet, and the US Army golden Knights jump team. Water and land demos will include a Jet Ski demo, US Coast Guard demonstration, New York State Police Dive Team demo, the US Army interactive Virtual Experience simulator, and static displays of military aircraft.

The show will also feature family entertainment including an air show themed Kid Zone, the popular Kiddie Kommando Area, and more. Food vendors from the Rochester community will provide a diverse menu for air show patrons throughout the weekend.

ESL Federal Credit Union is once again the title sponsor for this year's air and water show. A portion of the ESL International Air and Water Show proceeds will be donated to the YMCA's "Invest in Youth Campaign." All funds donated will support the campaign's mission to increase financial assistance provided through local YMCA branches and expand accessibility to YMCA's programs and services for all families in our area.

*"Once again, we're pleased to be the primary sponsor of this year's ESL International Air and Water Show," said **Dave Fiedler**, ESL Federal Credit Union President and CEO. "Events like the air show are an important contributor to the very special quality of life we all enjoy in the Greater Rochester community. We're looking forward to another great event in May."*

Ticket information will be available early in the spring. For other air and water show program details please visit www.rochesterairshow.com.

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