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## **U.S. Navy Blue Angels stop in Tuscaloosa, Alabama for winter visit**

TUSCALOOSA, AL. (November 15, 2011) U.S. Navy Blue Angel representatives will visit West Alabama on Friday, November 18, 2011 for one of their many winter visits. U.S. Navy Blue Angel #7 and #8 are scheduled to arrive in Tuscaloosa approximately 3:45 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2011, and will depart around noon on Friday, November 18, 2011 from the Tuscaloosa Regional Airport.

The two U.S. Navy Blue Angel pilots will meet with both Tuscaloosa and air show officials to discuss the upcoming 2012 air show layout and logistical needs, and begin planning for the March 2012 air show.

The Blue Angels performance at the 2012 Tuscaloosa Air Show will commemorate heroes throughout the City and County of Tuscaloosa, the state of Alabama and as a nation. The official kick-off for the event will begin with a Pilot's Reception on Friday, March 30, 2012, followed with the air show on Saturday, March 31, 2012 and Sunday, April 1, 2012.

"We are extremely excited to host the U.S. Navy Blue Angels again, especially with an Alabama native on the 2012 team. It is a rare opportunity for a community without a Naval Air Station base to see the Blue Angels come back one year after another, and we are honored to have them returning for the third time in four years," said Kelsey Colglazier, Director of Sports Marketing and Public Relations for the Tuscaloosa Tourism and Sports Commission.

More information regarding the 2012 Tuscaloosa Air Show will be released in the coming weeks. To learn more about the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, you may go online to [www.blueangels.navy.mil](http://www.blueangels.navy.mil).

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