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CHICO REGIONAL AIRPORT ANNOUNCES ANNUAL “TAKE OFF, CHICO!” EVENT

CHICO, CA — The City of Chico, in partnership with the Chico Regional Airport, invites the public to attend “**Take Off, Chico!**” a **free public open house** at the **Chico Regional Airport** on Oct. 18, 2025 from 2 PM - 7 PM followed by an outdoor movie on the tarmac starting at dusk. This exciting event will offer an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at airport operations, exhibitions, aircraft displays, children’s activities, and more. Attendees will enjoy interactive displays, aviation history, and live demonstrations that feature exhibitors from private aviation, local businesses, and government agencies.

Exhibitors and partners include:

- DreamFlights: Static display of a Stearman Biplane.
- Aero Flite Aerial Firefighting: Aerial firefighting aircraft displays.
- City of Chico Police & Fire: Public safety vehicle displays.
- Schooler Flying Company: Biplane display and rides offered for a fee at first-come, first-served basis.
- Chico State Flight Club, Butte College Robotics Club, Women in Aviation, Northgate Aviation, Chico Veterans Center, and Civil Air Patrol, are among some of the booths that will be featured with a range of offerings including informational resources, swag, interactive games, displays, and more!
- Local food trucks and vendors will also be on-site, offering delicious food and beverages.
- Local craft vendors will be offering unique, handcrafted goods.

Vendor and exhibitor application information can be found on the Take Off, Chico! Website at <https://takeoffchico.com/>.

The “Take Off, Chico!” Open House is an all-ages event where attendees can:

- Explore aviation exhibits.

- View and tour historical aircraft.
- Bring their children to enjoy a range of children's activities.
- Enter into a variety of free prize drawings to win goods from local Chico businesses.
- Learn about Chico's efforts to bring back commercial air service.
- Enjoy food and buy goods from local food and craft vendors.

Following the open house at 7pm, the Chico Regional Airport will team up with the Oro Dam Cruisers for a Drive-In Movie Night on the tarmac! Families can enjoy "Monsters, Inc." under the stars, surrounded by historic aircraft. Drive-in pricing is **\$20 per car** who enters the movie-night area, and for those who wish to bring lawn chairs, **general admission lawn chair seating will be free**. Tickets will be available for purchase at the event.

WHEN: October 18, 2025

- 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Chico Regional Airport Open House
- 7:00 PM - Drive-In Movie Night -- Movie will begin once it is dark. Drive-in tickets can be purchased at event.

WHERE:

Chico Regional Airport, 150 Air Park Blvd, Chico, CA 95973.

Free Parking and event access via the Chico Regional Airport Passenger Terminal.

The Chico Regional Airport is a vital part of our community and is working toward the return of commercial air service. This event aims to raise awareness, engage the public, and showcase the airport's importance to the North State region.

For more information see: <https://takeoffchico.com>.

Located in Butte County, California, Chico is the cultural and economic center of the northern Sacramento Valley and the largest city north of Sacramento. Known as a college town, the home of California State University, Chico and for Bidwell Park, one of the largest urban parks in the United States. For more information, visit www.chicoca.gov.

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