

Air Show Raises Money For Idaho Meth Project

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Nampa, Idaho -- The Thunder Over Nampa air show isn't just drawing crowds, it's raising money for a good cause.

The Idaho Meth Project is receiving 100 percent of the revenue from the event.

All eyes were on the sky over Nampa's Municipal Airport over the weekend as some of the nation's top pilots performed hundreds of jaw dropping stunts. Their flips, rolls and fly-bys kept the audience entertained for hours.

"They're doing a lot of tricks and stuff and it's really cool," said two local kids.

"I flew Air Force and was able to fly trans-sonic with D38s and it just brings back memories," said Alan Lindvall, a spectator.

From pilots to sky divers, all took to the air knowing it was for a good cause.

A suggested donation of \$5 per person was collected at the gate with all the proceeds benefiting the Idaho Meth Project.

"All the pilots donated their time and their expertise and all the people who are here are here on their own time," said John-Curtiss Paul, a pilot.

Organizers with the program were blown away by the support they received from the flying community and the crowds.

"It's just really amazing to see how many families came out today to support this cause and hopefully give families and parents an opportunity and a family friendly atmosphere to talk with their kids about meth abuse," said Megan Ronk, an organizer.

The stars of the show even lent a hand in that area, making sure to let their awed fans know just where they stand when it comes to drug use.

"Well it's something that affecting people in this country at a great rate. There are families being destroyed by it. There's individuals whose lives are being destroyed," said Paul.

For Paul, air shows are all about showing audiences some of the amazing things that are possible.

And for kids who want to follow in his footsteps, he has one message when it comes to meth.

"Don't do it. Not even once," said Paul.