

186th Air Refueling Wing Base Tour Policy

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Tour Information

Base tours are offered to local civic organizations, schools and youth groups, middle-school age and older to educate people about the 186th Air Refueling Wing and its missions. Tours are free of charge and can be subject to last-minute cancellations due to mission requirements, resource availability, and inclement weather. We do not accommodate tour requests to combine different groups. Tours are limited to not more than two a month. Tours are offered throughout the year on Wednesdays and/or Fridays not preceding a drill weekend and are scheduled on a first-requested, first-served basis. Base tours are available to groups of 10 to 40 people. Tours for children under the age of 12 (6th graders) will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must be requested by a 186th Air Refueling Wing sponsor who will be able to accompany the group.

Requesting a Tour

Tour requests must be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the date of the tour and requested through the 186 ARW Public Affairs Office. Tours are coordinated one month in advance. Groups requesting a tour must complete the Tour Request Form and e-mail or fax it back to usaf.ms.186-arw.mbx.public-affairs@mail.mil or (601) 484-9099. The base tour policy can be found at <http://www.186arw.ang.af.mil/>. If you have further questions, a public affairs representative can be reached at (601) 484-9803 or (601) 484-9442.

Tour Itinerary

Tours start at 9 a.m. and are scheduled for a maximum of 2 hours. These guided tours end no later than 11 a.m. and are subject to limited availability. Tours of the 186th may include various organizations on base to include static displays; however, no particular activities can be guaranteed. Every effort will be made to honor your request, but ultimately, we work around our daily operations schedule and mission requirements. In these cases, a tour may be cancelled at any time, without notice. There will be no substitutions during these cases.

Transportation

Groups are responsible for providing their own transportation. All buses/vans must arrive 20-30 minutes early to the Main Gate for security processing. Groups will be met at the Main Gate by the tour host who will escort the group and remain with them for the duration of the tour. If a group is more than 10 minutes late, tour itinerary is subject to change.

Photography

Photography is allowed on the tour; however, there may be some restrictions. Your tour guide will inform you of these restrictions.

Required Attire

Closed-toe shoes are required on all tours. Additionally, tour guests cannot wear tank tops, cut off t-shirts or attire that contains offensive material.

Additional Information

No tours will be given on drill weekends, federal holidays or during exercises.

Tours are limited to not more than two a month.

All requests are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Tour participants are not permitted to operate military equipment when there is a safety risk.

Tour participants must be under the supervision of a tour escort/military member at all times.

Tour participants will follow the direction of tour guides and military members at all times.

Tour participants 18 and older must present a valid driver's license or i.d. card to be allowed on the base.