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Chi-Hi baseball player finds place with Altoona legion program. **B1**

Arneberg lands back at Chippewa Valley

Chi-Hi grad part of Air Force Wings of Blue skydivers

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Five years ago, Eagle Scout Jasper Arneberg of Chippewa Falls was a volunteer at the Chippewa Valley Air Show at the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport in Eau Claire. Arneberg helped pick up trash and park cars at the Boy Scouts

of America-sponsored air show. What he remembers the most about the experience was a campfire chat by a member of the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, who was also an Eagle Scout.

While at Chippewa Falls Senior High School, Arneberg ran cross country and played basketball and tennis. But his future was not on land. It was in the air.

Arneberg, 21, will be attending the latest air show at the airport on July 4 and 5.

If you want to find him, look up.

The son of Tom and Beth Arneberg is a member of the

Wings of Blue, the U.S. Air Force Skydiving Team, which will be performing during the air show.

It took Jasper Arneberg a full year of training before becoming a member of the Wings of Blue.

Want to try it yourself?

After training, here's the entrance exam: "You have to stand in the (airplane) door. The jumpmaster tells you, 'Go.'" Arneberg said.

That means jump. After counting 10, you pull the ripcord and glide to Earth. Provided all goes right.

"It's terrifying," Arneberg said.

Especially so since it is the only certified program in the world where your first jump is an unattended free fall. You jump after getting 40 hours training.

No tandem jump for practice. Just you, your training and a parachute. And go.

Jasper Arneberg followed his other brother, Ben, attending the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Ben graduated from the academy in 2012. Jasper will graduate in May.

"It's a challenging environment. I'm always stressed for



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Chi-Hi graduate Jasper Arneberg is a member of the Wings of Blue U.S. Air Force Parachute Team, which will perform at the Chippewa Valley Air Show on July 4 and 5.

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time," he said. There's training, classes and working with parachutes to balance.

"But, overall, I love it," he said.

In August 2013 he tried out for and jumped the Wings of Green program, where participants get to be an instructor and a jumpmaster.

Remember that entrance exam? The job of the jumpmaster to teach people with no knowledge of skydiving how to do it. The introduction class is called Airmanship 490.

Arneberg finished his time in Wings of Green in May 2014. And now he's part of the Wings of Blue team.

"We're demonstrating different ways people can move their bodies through the air during freefall," he said. They jump with flags, streamers and smoke.

Arneberg said he will get to catch up with family and friends while at the air show. But he is carving out time to do something very special.

"One of the things I'm excited about is to talk with the Boys Scouts," he said.

Hopefully, one of them at air show five years from now will do the same.