

National Balloon Classic 2023 Event Schedule July 28–August 5

FRIDAY JULY 28	SATURDAY JULY 29	SUNDAY JULY 30	MONDAY JULY 31	TUESDAY AUG 1
<p>6:30 PM Friday Night Kick-Off Flight: OVERTHE TOP!</p> <p>On the TruBank Stage: <i>SONS OF GLADYS KRAVITZ</i></p>	<p>6:30 AM COMPETITION FLYING</p> <p>6:30 PM BALLOON FLIGHT</p> <p>6:30 PM BALLOON FLIGHT</p> <p>On the TruBank Stage: <i>BRAD & KATE</i></p> <p>Dark: FANTASTIC FIREWORKS <i>Sponsored by Retirement Solutions of Iowa</i></p>	<p>6:30 AM COMPETITION FLYING</p> <p>6:30 PM BALLOON FLIGHT</p> <p>On the TruBank Stage: <i>DAMON DOTSON BAND</i></p> <p>Dusk: NITE GLOW™ <i>Sponsored by DeYarman Ford Indianola</i></p>	<p>6:30 AM COMPETITION FLYING</p> <p>6:30 PM BALLOON FLIGHT</p> <p>On the TruBank Stage: <i>BRAD SEIDENFELD</i></p>	<p>6:30 AM COMPETITION FLYING</p> <p>6:30 PM BALLOON FLIGHT</p> <p>On the TruBank Stage: <i>3DM</i></p>
WEDNESDAY AUG 2	THURSDAY AUG 3	FRIDAY AUG 4	SATURDAY AUG 5	New in 2023!
<p>6:30 AM COMPETITION FLYING</p> <p>6:30 PM BALLOON FLIGHT</p> <p>On the TruBank Stage: <i>BIRDCHILD</i></p> <p>Dusk: NITE GLOW™ EXTRAVAGANZA <i>Sponsored by DeYarman Ford Indianola</i></p>	<p>6:30 AM COMPETITION FLYING</p> <p>6:30 PM BALLOON FLIGHT</p> <p>On the TruBank Stage: <i>SUEDE</i></p>	<p>6:30 AM COMPETITION FLYING</p> <p>6:30 PM BALLOON FLIGHT</p> <p>On the TruBank Stage: <i>TRAINWRECK</i></p>	<p>6:30 AM COMPETITION FLYING</p> <p>6:30 PM BALLOON FLIGHT</p> <p>6:30 PM BALLOON FLIGHT</p> <p>On the TruBank Stage: <i>DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS</i></p> <p>Dark: FANTASTIC FIREWORKS <i>Sponsored by Retirement Solutions of Iowa</i></p>	<p>» RC Balloon Display</p> <p>» ExtraordinAIRy Kites</p> <p><i>(Dates are weather-dependent, follow us on social for updates.)</i></p> <p><i>This schedule will be updated as more information becomes available.</i></p>

MORNING FLIGHTS: Competition flights only

Beginning Saturday, July 29, gates are open from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. for guests to enjoy watching the competition flights. Parking and viewing are "at own risk" only, (no parking/gate attendant, or entertainment). Pilot briefings are held 30 minutes prior to competition flights; updates and flight status are not announced in advance for the morning competition. All National Balloon Classic policies are in force; no pets, smoking/vaping, or outside food or beverages. A limited number of vendors are open for food and beverage purchases. Chair rental is available on a first come-first serve basis. Admission and parking are free-will donations for mornings only.

EVENING FLIGHTS

Hot air balloons are scheduled to launch each evening at 6:30 p.m. when winds are calmest, and the air is most stable. Flight decisions, including if balloons will launch at the balloon field, or land at the balloon field, are made approximately 30 minutes before each flight. Regardless of the flight plan, the sights and sounds are enchanting – and can only be experienced at the balloon field! Exceptional value! Ticket price includes admission, entertainment, live music, and parking.

WEATHER or not to fly?

All events at the National Balloon Classic are dependent on prevailing weather conditions and subject to delays or cancellations. Surface winds and winds aloft can vary greatly; maximum safe surface wind speeds are 8-10 mph. Although every effort is made for a successful balloon flight, the safety of our pilots, volunteers, and spectators is our first priority. If extreme weather conditions exist, notices will be posted via social media and our website. In ballooning, last-minute decisions are the norm because the weather can quickly change and be indecisive. Taking a "wait and see" approach may result in arriving too late and missing a beautiful night of balloon gazing.