

FLYIN' HIGH!

2025 EVENT SCHEDULE



FRIDAY JULY 25

5:30 PM Event Kick-Off: **Flyin' High!**

Balloon Flight and Opening Ceremonies

On the TruBank Stage: **Schmidt Brothers**

Dark: **THE SKY IS ALIVE™** 3D Drone Show

SATURDAY JULY 26

6:30 AM Competition Flying

6:30 PM Balloon Flight/Evening Competition

On the TruBank Stage: **Jordan Beem Music**

Dark: **THE SKY IS ALIVE™** 3D Drone Show

SUNDAY JULY 27

6:30 AM Competition Flying

6:30 PM Balloon Flight/Evening Competition

On the TruBank Stage: **Andrew Hoyt**

Dusk: **NITE GLOW®**

Sponsored by Poindexter Flooring

MONDAY JULY 28

6:30 AM Competition Flying

5:30 PM Colossal Kite Display

6:30 PM Balloon Flight/Evening Competition

On the TruBank Stage:

Sons of Gladys Kravitz

TUESDAY JULY 29

6:30 AM Competition Flying

5:30 PM Colossal Kite Display

6:30 PM Balloon Flight/Evening Competition

On the TruBank Stage: **Gut Feeling Band**

WEDNESDAY JULY 30

6:30 AM Competition Flying

6:30 PM Balloon Flight/Evening Task

On the TruBank Stage:

Joshua Sinclair (opening act: **Marble Teeth**)

Dusk: **NITE GLOW®** Extravaganza

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THURSDAY JULY 31

6:30 AM Competition Flying

6:30 PM Balloon Flight/Evening Competition

On the TruBank Stage: **Damon Dotson Band**

Dark: **THE SKY IS ALIVE™** 3D Drone Show

FRIDAY AUGUST 1

6:30 AM Competition Flying

6:30 PM Balloon Flight/Evening Competition

On the TruBank Stage:

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

Dark: **THE SKY IS ALIVE™** 3D Drone Show

SATURDAY AUGUST 2

6:30 AM Competition Flying

6:30 PM Balloon Flight/Evening Competition

On the TruBank Stage: **Fat Andy**

Dark: **THE SKY IS ALIVE™** 3D Drone Show

THIS EVENT IS WEATHER-DEPENDENT AND THE SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Follow us on social media and check our website for updates.

MORNING FLIGHTS: Morning flights begin on Saturday, July 26.

Gates are open from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m., so guests can enjoy watching the competition flights (weather permitting). Pilot briefings, including a weather report, are held 30 minutes before flights. Flight announcements are not made until after the pilot briefing. Please be aware that parking and viewing are at your own risk (no parking/gate attendant); guests are responsible for their own safety and belongings. All National Balloon Classic policies are in force: no pets, smoking/vaping, or outside food or beverages. Select vendors are open for food, coffee, and other beverage purchases. Chair rental is available. Admission and parking are free-will donations for mornings only.

EVENING FLIGHTS: Gates open at 4:00 p.m.

Weather permitting, hot air balloons are scheduled to launch each evening at 6:30 p.m. Pilot briefings, including a weather report, are held 30 minutes before flights. Flight announcements are not made until after the pilot briefing. General Admission tickets include all evening entertainment. If it is unsafe to launch hot air balloons, other scheduled entertainment will go on unless safety is a concern.

WEATHER or not to fly?

All National Balloon Classic events depend on prevailing weather conditions and are subject to delays or cancellations. Surface winds and winds aloft can vary greatly; maximum safe surface wind speeds are 8-10 mph. Every effort is made for a successful balloon flight. Safety is our first priority. Last-minute decisions are the norm in ballooning; winds aloft can quickly change. Taking a "wait and see" approach

may result in arriving too late and missing a beautiful night of balloon gazing and phenomenal entertainment. The sights and sounds are enchanting, whether balloons launch or land at the balloon field. The anticipation and wonder can only be experienced at the balloon field – only there can you feel the whoosh!

One low ticket price = fantastic value!

The National Balloon Classic is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building vibrant communities and sharing the love of hot air ballooning. Purchasing a ticket allows guests to enjoy one evening session (nine nights to choose from), free access to watch morning competition flights (no ticket required; a free will donation is appreciated), and FREE parking both mornings and evenings during the 2025 National Balloon Classic. General Admission tickets are valid for one session during the 2025 National Balloon Classic. Purchasing a ticket allows guests to enjoy all the amenities we offer: free parking, nightly entertainment, live bands, Nite Glow® nights, 3D Drone shows, kite displays, and, of course, incredible hot air balloon gazing. If it is unsafe to launch hot air balloons, other scheduled entertainment will continue unless safety is a concern. **Visit our website for the complete event schedule, policies, FAQs, and Know Before You Go.**

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