

# JUPITER FLIGHTS BALLOON FESTIVAL

## EVENT SCHEDULE 2026

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

<b>7:22 AM</b>	<b>Sunrise</b>
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Pilot Registration, Hyatt House Conference Room ( <u>FAA present, you must be present</u> )
3:00 PM-3:30 PM	Electronic map help, and "Watch me Fly" review, for pilots if needed.
3:30 PM-4:00 PM	Pilot ROLL-CALL & MASTER Briefing Hyatt House Meeting Room
4:45 PM	Briefing Tent open at Conner Prairie Field, crew meal provided
5:30 PM	WELCOME BRIEFING - roll call pilots and crew chiefs Welcome and Intro Jack Semler operations, Chris Smart Competition, Conner Prairie Zach Horner , Weather Jack Semler and local TV station.
5:45 PM	Odd Pilots in position for meet and greet.
6:00 PM-6:45 PM	Band's First Music Set / After band Jim Engel Announces Hare Race
6:00 PM	Task Call Chris Smart, even number balloons evening competition flight
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Odd Balloon Pilot Meet & Greet at Glow Staging area (bring trading cards)
6:35 PM-7:35 PM	Hare & Hound Even Number Pilots or as tasked called.
7:30 PM	Odd balloon evening glow set up and briefing on field
7:35 PM-8:20PM	Band's Second Set / Jim Engel after, Announces and Runs glow
8:00 PM- 9:30 PM	Odd Pilot Glow (Field will be open to public, weather permitting)
8:20 PM	After band wraps up and balloons stabilize Jim will open field weather permitting.
<b>7:59 PM</b>	<b>Sunset</b>
8:30 PM-10:30 PM	Refuel Open, see Conner Prairie Map for refueling location.

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

6:00 AM	Coffee Donuts at Pilot Briefing tent
6:30 AM	Morning Pilot Briefing & roll call, Jack Semler, task call Chris Smart, Weather Jack Semler
<b>7:23 AM</b>	<b>Sunrise</b>
7:15 AM	Fiesta Pilots and Shapes standup at field ( away from competition area )
7:30 AM	Fiesta Pilots cleared to launch and clear the field, shapes pilot's discretion.
7:33 AM-9:00AM	All balloon flight competition flight, fly-in to CLA
8:30 AM-10:00 AM	Refueling
4:45 PM	Briefing Tent open at Conner Prairie Field, crew meal provided
5:30 PM	MASTER BRIEFING - roll call pilots and crew chiefs Welcome and flight results Jack Semler operations, Chris Smart competition Weather Jack Semler and local TV weather.
5:45 PM	Even pilots in position for meet and greet
6:00 PM-6:45 PM	Band's First Set/ After band Jim Engel Announces Hare Race
6:00 PM	Task Call Chris Smart, odd numbered balloons evening competition flight
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Even Pilot meet and Greet at Glow Staging Area (bring trading cards)
6:35 PM-7:35 PM	Hare & Hound Odd number pilots
7:30 PM	Even balloon evening glow set up and briefing on the field
7:35 PM-8:20 PM	Band's Second Set/ Jim Engel After, Announces and Runs glow
8:00 PM-9:30 PM	Even Pilot Glow (Field will be open to public, weather permitting)
8:20 PM	After band wraps up and balloons stabilize Jim will open field weather permitting
<b>7:57 PM</b>	<b>Sunset</b>
8:30 PM-10:30PM	Refuel Open

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

6:15 AM	Coffee Donuts at Pilot Briefing tent
6:30 AM	Morning Pilot Briefing & roll call, Jack Semler, task call Chris Smart, weather Jack Semler
<b>7:23 AM</b>	<b>Sunrise</b>
7:15 AM	Fiesta Pilots and Shapes standup at field ( away from competition area )
7:33 AM	Fiesta Pilots cleared to launch and clear the field, shapes pilot's discretion
7:33 AM-9:00AM	All balloon flight competition flight, fly-on task
8:30 AM-10:30 AM	Refuel Open
10:30 AM	Pilot Briefing at Hyatt House awards presentation and award money / show checks.