2025 Midland Area River Days Festival
Balloon Pilot Schedule

Thursday, July 31, 2025

3:00-5:15pm	Pilots Registration at Holiday Inn – small conf room off lobby area
5:30pm	Pilot Meeting and Master Briefing at Holiday Inn
6:15pm	Leave for Downtown (need to be setup by 6:30pm)
7-8:30pm	Main Street Burner Glow (8:59pm sunset)
8:45-9:15pm	Propane Refuel at 1220 Burch St. Midland, MI 48642
9:30pm	Late check in if needed – call Steve King 989-859-6312

Friday, August 1, 2025

6:30am	Pilot briefing – 6:15am with bagels, donuts, and coffee to start - small conf room off lobby area - Holiday Inn (6:28am sunrise) Flight activity to follow the briefing - Competitive Balloon Flight Launch
9-10:30am	Propane refuel at 1220 Burch St. Midland, MI 48642
5:45pm	Little Caesar's Pizza Dinner at pavilion at launch field
6:30pm	Pilot briefing at pavilion launch field
7:00pm	Mass launch from Chippewassee Park (8:58pm sunset)
9-9:30pm	Balloon Glow at Chippewassee Park
9:30-10:30pm	Propane Refuel at 1220 Burch St. Midland, MI 48642

Saturday, August 2, 2025

6:30am	Pilot briefing – 6:15am with bagels, donuts, and coffee to start - small conf room off lobby area - Holiday Inn (6:29am sunrise) Flight activity to follow the briefing - Competitive Balloon Flight Launch
9-10:30am	Propane refuel at 1220 Burch St. Midland, MI 48642
5:45pm	Flying Trout Catered Dinner at pavilion at launch field
6:30pm	Pilot briefing at Pavilion Launch field
7:00pm	Mass launch from Chippewassee Park
9-9:30pm	Balloon Glow at Chippewassee Park (8:57pm sunset)
9:30-10:45pm	Propane Refuel at 1220 Burch St. Midland, MI 48642

Sunday, August 3, 2025

6:30am	Pilot briefing – 6:15am with bagels, donuts, and coffee to start - small conf room off lobby area - Holiday Inn (6:30am sunrise) Flight activity to follow the briefing - Competitive Balloon Flight Launch
9-10:30am	Propane Refuel at 1220 Burch St. Midland, MI 48642 – **please turn in balloon banners and unused baggies.**
10:30am	Awards Brunch at the Holiday Inn **(Late checkout time is 1pm)**