



## 2026 US Nationals/Old West Balloon Fest Preliminary Schedule

### Sunday, August 9, 2026

5:15 AM Practice Flight  
 9:00 – 11:00 AM Propane Refueling  
 Hotel Rooms start for US Nationals Pilots  
 2:00 PM Pilot Check-in  
 7:30 PM US Nationals General Briefing  
 5:00 – 8:00 PM Welcome Party

### Monday, August 10, 2026

5:15 AM Championship Flight  
 9:00 -11:00 AM Propane Refueling  
 5:15 PM Championship Flight  
 7:30 – 9:00 PM Propane Refueling

### Tuesday, August 11, 2026

5:15 AM Championship Flight  
 9:00 – 11:00 AM Propane Refueling  
 5:15 PM Championship Flight  
 7:30 – 9:00 PM Propane Refueling

### Wednesday, August 12, 2026

5:15 AM Championship Flight  
 9:00 – 11:00 AM Propane Refueling  
 5:15 PM Championship Flight  
 7:30 – 9:00 PM Propane Refueling

### Thursday, August 13, 2026

5:15 AM Championship Flight  
 5:15 AM Optional Flight for Old West Balloon Fest  
 6:00 AM Media/Sponsor Flight, Old West Balloon Fest Pilots only  
 9:00 – 11:00 AM Propane Refueling

3:00 – 5:00 PM Old West Balloon Fest Pilot Check-In  
5:15 PM Championship Flight  
7:30 PM Old West Balloon Fest Balloon Glow Briefing  
8:00 PM Balloon Glow  
9:00 – 10:00 Propane Refueling

**Friday, August 14, 2026**

5:15 AM Championship Flight  
6:00 AM Old West Balloon Fest Competition flight #1 and Mass Ascension  
9:00 – 11:00 AM Propane Refueling  
12:00 PM River Float at Johnson Casa  
4:00 – 8:00 PM BBQ at Johnson Casa (No Championship Flight)

**Saturday, August 15, 2026**

5:15 AM Last Championship Flight  
6:00 AM Old West Balloon Fest Competition Flight #2 and Mass Ascension  
9:00 – 11:00 AM Propane Refueling  
7:30 PM Balloon Glow Briefing  
8:00 – 9:00 PM Balloon Glow for US Nationals & Old West Balloon Fest Pilots  
9:30 PM Championship Awards Ceremony  
9:15 – 10:00 PM Propane Refueling

**Sunday, August 16, 2026**

Travel Day for US Nationals Pilots  
5:30 AM Old West Balloon Fest Flight from Mitchell Airfield  
Post Flight Propane Refueling