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Election Results and New Board



Cheri White is announced as the new BFA President and a new face, Mark MacSkimming joins the board.

The BFA Board recognizes the new members of the board based the results of August's election.

BFA Board:

At Large Director - Ted Watts
Northeast Region Director - Mark MacSkimming
Western Region Director - Katie Griggs

Hot Air Competition Division (HACD):

At Large - Drew Egerton
Southwest Region - Bubba Cliver
Great Lakes Division - Gary Britton

Gas Division:

Andrew Baird
Andrew (AJ) Nels

Professional Ride Operators Division (PRO):

Northeast Region - Tony Saxton
Great Lakes Region - Tony Sandlin

2017 BFA Board of Directors

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Treasurer • Maury Sullivan
Secretary • Tim Cloyd

Sam Parks • Southeast
Katie Griggs • Western
Dean Carlton • Great Lakes
Mark MacSkimming • Northeast
Ted Watts • At Large
Troy Bradley • NAA Representative

FAVIA / BFA Convention Update

Sir David Hempleman-Adams announced as Keynote Speaker at the FAVIA 225 Grand Ball Gala

Sir David Hempleman-Adams is a veteran Adventurer, predominantly in Mountaineering, Polar, and Aviation. David has set 46 FAI World Aviation Records, including breaking the world small-sized hot air balloon record and the endurance record for a flight using the smallest man-carrying helium balloon.



In 2003, David became the first person to fly a balloon solo with an open wicker-basket across the Atlantic from Canada to the United Kingdom.



In 2011, along with co-pilot Jon Mason, David won the America's Challenge Balloon race, and in doing

so set a new duration record for the race. In 2017, he received a rare personal gift from the Queen of England - an appointment to Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

In addition to his aviation feats,

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2018 BFA Junior Balloonist Camp

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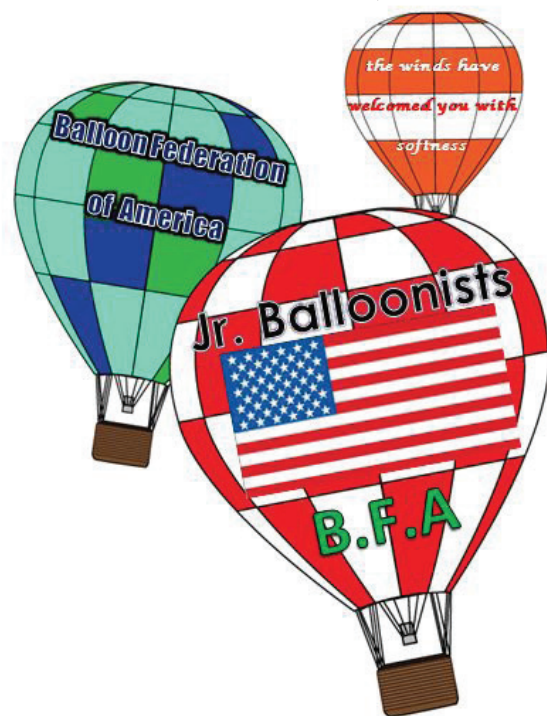
A unique, five-day, hands-on immersive education program for 13-18 year olds who want to learn about the sport of hot air ballooning!



2018 Junior Balloonist Camps

Great Lakes Balloon Camp

Waupaca, Wisconsin
June 25-30, 2018



Rio Grande Balloon Camp

Albuquerque, New Mexico
July 7-12, 2018

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

David's accomplishments include climbing the highest peaks in all seven continents and successfully completing a fifteen-year odyssey in which he became the first person to reach the North and South Magnetic Poles in one year.

We are delighted to have David as keynote speaker at the Grand Ball Gala. This will be a special opportunity to hear a first-hand account of his astonishing exploits.

Visit the FAVIA 225/2018 BFA Convention website at www.FAVIA225.com to view David's full biography and purchase tickets for the Grand Ball Gala.

[View the entire convention schedule here](#)

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Balloon Camps promoted at Fiesta

The BFA Junior Balloonist's Camps were promoted at a display at the 2017 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. The display included a large poster and 1,000 tri-fold informational flyers for prospective campers to take home. The flyers were a big hit!

There will be a reprinting of flyers in the next couple of weeks. This time the committee plans to print 2,000 flyers.

If you are interested in getting some flyers to distribute to youths interested in one of the 2018 camps to be held this summer, please contact Mike Shrum at the following email address: mike-shrum@att.net

Envelope of Safety Program Announced

At the October 13, 2017 Professional Ride Operators (PRO) meeting at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, the new Envelope of Safety Program was presented to the membership. This new initiative is the result of a year of hard work by the



PRO division of the BFA to elevate safety standards for balloon ride operations, and to educate consumers about the hot air

balloon ride industry. This program has been highly supported by the Federal Aviation Administration.



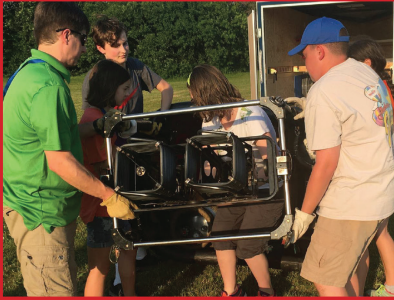
The program is divided into two parts: pilot requirements, and ride company requirements. Pilot requirements apply to all pilots taking paying passengers. There are three levels of company requirements: Silver, Gold, and Platinum. While any size company can achieve the highest level, the tiered structure was designed with different size companies in mind. The BFA will verify this information annually, and will check the safety background of pilot applicants by researching FAA accident and incident data and from data provided by the applicant.

The program details can be viewed on the web at: **Envelope of Safety Program**

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- () Junior Balloonist (aged 5-18 with Digital Magazine) (\$15/yr)

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