

January 25, 2018



Dear Competitor:

Invitation

It is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the 2018 US National Hot Air Balloon Championship in Shreveport-Bossier City, Louisiana. The Balloon Federation of America has licensed Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission (SBSC) as the organizer for the 2016-2018 events. A prize fund of \$20,000 is guaranteed along with a pre-event pole ring toss of \$10,000 for the DeSoto Challenge making a total prize package of \$30,000. The competitive event officially starts with on-site pilot registration and the mandatory General Briefing on Tuesday, July 10, and concludes with the final competitive flight and awards brunch on Sunday, July 15, 2018.

The organizer is providing a complimentary hotel room for pilots with check in on Tuesday, July 10 and check out Sunday, July 15. Pilots wishing to arrive early may do so at their own expense and may reserve space via this application. If you wish to arrive early or want to book crew room(s) indicate so on the Hotel Accommodations portion of the Pilot Application Form. Once you have been accepted in the Championship you will be sent an acceptance letter along with your hotel contact information. Propane will be available on the mornings of July 9-10 for pilots arriving early and wishing to fly practice flights. Pilots will be charged a flat fee of \$40 for each fill on these dates. Arrive full; leave full. A tentative schedule of events is enclosed.

The Championship is open to qualifying pilots in the US who are in good standing holding a BFA and HACD membership card. The selection process for the available spots is fully explained in the ***BFA Competition Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures***. Pilots registering are expected to remain and participate for the entire duration of the event as required by the HACD Code of Conduct explained in Appendix A. With the exception of family emergencies, medical situations and other obvious events outside of the pilot's control, early departure from the event carries financial penalties and may include, regardless of NEL standing, DQ from State, Regional, National and International competition for the next year. Specifics of these regulations are contained in Appendix A and E Section VI. For your convenience, use this link to the BFA web site to get to the necessary information: [HACD Rules - 2018](#).

DeSoto Parish Challenge

The DeSoto Parish Glow and Challenge has been reformatted for 2018 and offers pilots a unique opportunity to arrive early, enjoy Cajun hospitality, win some money and receive some walk-about money. While every registered pilot will be eligible to participate in the Challenge scheduled for Sunday, July 8 at the Desoto Parish Airport, the first twenty (20) Competitors to register indicating their desire to participate in the Challenge will also receive the following:

- Complimentary hotel room for Sunday and Monday evening
- Free propane for practice flights on Monday and Tuesday
- A \$100 gift card

As in previous years, the Challenge will provide pilots and crew a meal and a ring toss with multiple poles and prize money totaling \$10,000 attached to the poles. Prize money for this event will be paid directly by DeSoto Parish. All pilots are eligible to participate in the DeSoto Challenge but **only the first twenty (20) pilots to register will receive the room, practice propane and gift card**. Email date and time stamps, as well as post marks for applications sent via US Mail, will be used to establish priority.

Background

The Championship will again be organized and operated with the use of the Garmin Dakota 10 logger and the BFA Declaration App and you are encouraged to familiarize yourself with all rules and policies involving the use of GPS loggers and the need to equip yourself with a backup GPS that meets the requirements of the rules. It is the intent of the HACD to post several educational videos to the BFA web site prior to the event and we encourage you to take advantage of them. Topics being considered include: BFA Declarations App, highlights of 2018 rule changes, scoring area definitions and examples, and an electronic task tutorial.

SBSC and I are confident that this year's Championship will be well attended and a challenging fun experience for both seasoned competitors and those new to the US Nationals. This summer's event will serve as your first opportunity to qualify for the 2020 World Hot Air Balloon Championships. It will also serve as one of the qualifying events, along with the US Women's Nationals, for the 2020 Women's and Jr World Championship

Application Deadline – March 19, 2018

Participation in this year's event is limited to a maximum of forty (40) competitors qualifying through the National Eligibility System plus those pilots qualifying under an organizer exemption as defined in the **BFA Competition Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures**, Appendix E (h). We encourage you to submit your application early. We will be using the guidelines for acceptance based on the criteria described above and you will be notified by email of your acceptance no later than March 31 – **all applications must be received in the BFA Office on or before March 19, 2018**. You can mail your application or complete the attached forms, scan and email it to the BFA office.

Acceptance

Your application will not be considered complete until we receive your completed application form, digital (JPG) photo of your balloon and yourself (head shot only), \$200 entry fee (you can use BFA web site [BFA Store](#)) payable to the BFA and a completed balloon related biography. The US National pilot list will be posted on the BFA website no later than April 2, 2018. A waiting list will be maintained for all applications received beyond the forty qualifying slots available. Plans often change and last minute slots may be available. Even if your position in the 2017 National Eligibility System is well below the top forty, you are encouraged to apply if you have an interest in competing. Under no circumstances will pilot entries be filled from the waiting list after June 30, 2018. We ask that you submit your application only when all requested information is complete.

Insurance

The Organizer and the BFA/HACD requires that each participating pilot name the sponsoring organizations, venues and others directly involved in the organization and sponsoring of this event as additionally insured on their balloon insurance policy. We have reviewed this requirement with the Schantz Agency and RPS IMC Balloon Insurance and have been assured by those agencies that they have no issues with this requirement. While the additionally insured endorsement provides the named additionally insured unlimited defense coverage should they be named in a law suit, the endorsement provides no liability coverage.

We will provide a list of entities requiring additionally insured certificates that you will have to authorize. Additionally insureds will likely include: LSU Shreveport, City of Shreveport, City of Bossier City, Caddo Parish Commission, Bossier Parish Police Jury, DeSoto Parish Police Jury, Cumulus Broadcasting and Caddo Parish School Board. The Shreveport-Bossier Convention & Tourist Bureau and its division, the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission certificate must include a waiver of subrogation.

Staff

Our Championship Staff has been confirmed and includes quality, experienced individuals committed to organizing and executing a first class event. Our Senior Staff includes the following:

Maury Sullivan, Canton, OH	Event Director
Sam Parks, Statesville, NC	Deputy Director
Todd Fisher, Akron, OH	Weather Officer
Henry Rosenbaum, Mechanicsville, VA	Safety Officer
Ken Wojcik, Shreveport, LA	Airport/ RAPCON Liaison & Assistant Safety Officer
Mike Gilligan, Richardson, TX	Scoring Officer
Lynn Sullivan, Canton, OH	Assistant Scoring Officer
Dottie Humbert, Battle Creek, MI	Logger Manager/TSO
Sheri Berry, Battle Creek, MI & Jim Dieball, Milwaukee, WI	Chief Measuring Officers
Gary Britton, Slinger, WI	Jury President

On-site Registration

A Preliminary Registration will be available 1-3 PM Sunday and 3-6 PM Monday at the Hilton Garden Inn for those interested in practice flights before formal registration. The FAA Waiver, maps and area information will be available at this time.

Pilot Registration for all pilots will be held on Tuesday, July 10 at the Hilton Garden Inn. All pilot packs, tickets, maps, banners, etc. will be distributed at that time. FAA staff from the Baton Rouge FSDO will be present to examine pilot and balloon documents. Be sure you have a current balloon registration.

Corporate Balloons

Spots are available for Corporate Balloons wishing to participate during the week or on the weekend activities at the LSUS Campus. If you are interested in advertising product, company, service, or identifiable artwork, logos, etc. you are welcome to participate. Commercial balloon entry fees are \$1,500 and are payable to the BFA. If you have associated merchandise you would like to offer for sale you need to contact Sheila Norman at SBCTB/SBSC directly (snorman@sbsports.org) for booth information, pricing and availability.

Room Accommodations

A new SBSC partner, Hilton Garden Inn, 5971 Financial Plaza, will be serving as pilot headquarters and housing all pilots, crew and staff. All morning pilot briefings will be located here as well. The hotel is centrally located to the flying area, Shreveport Regional Airport, LSUS campus and has ample parking. Propane refueling is located nearby at the Louisiana State Fair Grounds. Please do not contact the hotel directly with your credit card guarantee for early arrival or crew rooms until notified through your acceptance email.

Social Events

Five (5) complimentary tickets will be provided to each pilot for themselves and crew for each of our continental breakfasts and evening socials. Meals included are: Sunday DeSoto Challenge, Tuesday Welcome Party, Friday/Saturday pre-glow dinner and Sunday Awards banquet.

Volunteer Crew

We will make every effort to provide local crew should you need such. Please indicate on the Pilot Application the number of crew members you would like us to provide for each scheduled flight. It's important that you note that **volunteer crew provided thru SBSC are not allowed to drive the chase vehicle**. This is a legal and insurance requirement of the Organizer's controlling Board. If you have local crew from prior years you may want to contact them directly and make arrangements. If they are not provided to you via SBSC, they will be able to drive chase.

If you are provided local crew, we ask that you provide them with the complimentary meal tickets that are given to you or purchase additional tickets as needed. Our volunteer coordinator is Teresa Micheels and you may contact her directly with any questions or requests at tmicheels@sbctb.org or 318.429.0628.

Maps

Each participating pilot is provided two official full color competition maps of the primary competition area. Once finalized, two digital versions (jpg file) of the competition map will be posted to the Official Notice Board. One version will contain all hard targets and goals and one will be void of all targets and goals and you will be provided the needed gpx files to create your own map version.

Maps will be available for mailing to pilots in advance should you choose. Exact cost of postage and handling is not currently known but will probably approximate \$10. This information will be made available when the approved pilot list is finalized.

Airspace

The majority of competitive flight operations are within the Class C airspace of Shreveport Regional Airport (SHV) and Barksdale Air Force Base. Both facilities are fully cooperating with our event and operations personnel to ensure a safe event. In this regard, **you are required to carry an operating aircraft radio**.

Other

Further information on rules, schedule updates, competition maps, etc. will be posted to the Official Notice Board on the BFA web site as available and applicants should check the site frequently. It is my intent to rely heavily on the BFA web site's Official Notice Board, Remind Messaging System and e-mail correspondence to keep everyone posted on current developments.

Qualifying points for the 2018 BFA National Eligibility List will be given to all participating pilots from the Championship.

If you have any questions concerning this application as it relates to the Championship, please contact Maury Sullivan, Event Director, at (330) 323-4455. Any other questions should be directed to the following at the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission as follows:

Hotel accommodations: Que'Brelyn Douglas (Bre), qdouglas@sbsports.org or 318.429.0654

Volunteer Crew: Teresa Micheels, tmicheels@sbctb.org or 318.429.0628

Propane sources, insurance, etc.: Sheila Norman, snorman@sbsports.org or 318.429.0651.

Documents that require a signature, Pilot Application and Entry Agreement, will be held for your signature during on-site registration for those competitors applying electronically.

On behalf of the BFA and SBSC, we look forward to seeing you in Shreveport-Bossier City, LA July 8-15, 2018.

Sincerely,

Maury Sullivan
Event Director
2018 US Nationals, Balloon Federation of America
Enclosures: Pilot Application, Entry Agreement, Pilot Biography, Preliminary Schedule of Events

2018 US National Hot Air Balloon Championship
Shreveport-Bossier City, Louisiana
July 8 – 15, 2018

PILOT INFORMATION									
Name Last			First				Middle		
Street			Emergency Contact name and cell phone number						
City			State				Zip		
E-mail Address (please print neatly)			BFA/HACD Competition #			BFA Membership Expiration Date (Must be paid thru July 15, 2018)			
Home Phone		Work Phone		Cell Phone (for event recall and messages)		Crew Chief Cell Phone (for event recall and messages)			
Pilot Certificate No.	<input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial		PIC Hours	Hours Last 12 Months		Flight Rev Date		Currency Date	
Date of Birth	<input type="checkbox"/> E-mail personal photo (head shot) to BFA		Have you ever competed in a BFA US National Championship? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						
If you have you been convicted of a DUI/DWI offense since holding a pilot certificate, have you filed the Notification Letter required by §61.15? <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No									
Pilot Golf Shirt Size S M L XL 2X 3X			Crew tee shirt size – two (2) are provided				S M L XL 2X 3X		
BALLOON INFORMATION									
Balloon Category		<input type="checkbox"/> Sport Balloon		<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Logo - \$1,500			<input type="checkbox"/> E-mail photo of balloon to BFA office		
Balloon Name			N Number	Registered Owner			Hours		
Date of Last 100-hour/Annual Inspection			Hours Since Last Inspection				AX Size	Model	
Airworthiness Certificate: <input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input type="checkbox"/> Experimental			Date Issued	Manufacturer			Serial Number		
INSURANCE INFORMATION AND AUTHORIZATION									
Name and Address of Insured									
Insurance Agency:			Policy Number:			Expiration Date			
Coverage Per Passenger:			Combined Single Limit:			Policy Limit:			
I authorize _____ to add Shreveport-Bossier Convention & Tourist Bureau and its division, the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission, LSU Shreveport, City of Shreveport, City of Bossier City, Caddo Parish Commission, Bossier Parish Police Jury, DeSoto Parish Police Jury, Cumulus Broadcasting and State Fair of Louisiana as an additional insured for the purpose of my participation in the US National Hot Air Balloon Championship to be held in Shreveport-Bossier, LA, July 8-15, 2018.									
Required Minimum Coverage Every participating pilot is required to have a minimum of \$1,000,000 combined single limit coverage, \$100,000 minimum property damage, and \$100,000 minimum passenger liability for each passenger carried. In the event of policy cancellation prior to July 8, 2018, ten (10) days written notice will be given to Balloon Federation of America, P.O. Box 400, Indianola, IA 50125									
Signature					Date				
DeSOTO PARISH CHALLENGE									
I would like to be included in the Sunday evening DeSoto Parish Challenge						<input type="checkbox"/> Yes , includes complementary hotel room for Sunday & Monday		<input type="checkbox"/> No	

2018 US National Hot Air Balloon Championship
Shreveport-Bossier City, Louisiana
July 8 – 15, 2018

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Pilots receive one (1) complimentary room for the scheduled dates of the competition (7/10/18 thru 7/15/18). You will need to confirm any extra night stay and crew rooms with your credit card directly with the hotel once your acceptance has been confirmed. Please complete the following information. **The SBSC will not be responsible for any extra hotel costs or incidentals.**

Arrival Date	Departure Date	<input type="checkbox"/> King	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-smoking
		<input type="checkbox"/> Double/Double	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking

Which of the following is your primary chase vehicle?

Van with lift gate Truck Truck, car or van with trailer Other, describe

If you plan to arrive early for practice flying, please indicate days so we can plan propane needs:
 Sunday, July 8 **Monday, July 9** **Tuesday, July 10**

Crew Accommodations

Additional crew rooms are available at a cost of \$99 plus tax per night. Please complete the following so that reservations can be made for you. **Cancellations will need to be made directly with the hotel.**

Crew Room 1	Arrival Date	Departure date	<input type="checkbox"/> King	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking
			<input type="checkbox"/> Double/Double	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-smoking
Crew Room 2	Arrival Date	Departure date	<input type="checkbox"/> King	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking
			<input type="checkbox"/> Double/Double	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-smoking

COMPETITION MAP

Each competitor will be provided two (2) paper competition maps at on-site registration.

I would like my maps mailed to me in advance. Please charge my credit card (noted above) for shipping and handling charges.

Name on Credit Card	CC Number	Expiration Date	<input type="checkbox"/> Master Card	<input type="checkbox"/> AMEX
			<input type="checkbox"/> Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> Discover

I authorize the hotel/BFA to use the credit card provided for map shipping & handling.

Signature

PILOT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Private or Commercial Pilot Certificate (**plastic**)
2. Minimum of 75 hours as LTA/PIC
3. Aircraft Airworthiness, **current registration** and Aircraft Logbook checked at registration by Baton Rouge FSDO personnel
4. All balloons must arrive fully fueled
5. Quick-release tie off restraint required and must be used on all common launch areas
6. Entry fee, commercial and non-commercial, bio and photos must accompany your application
7. Your additionally insured insurance certificate must be submitted to the BFA Office prior to July 1, 2018
8. You must arrive on time for registration, General Briefing and be present for all flight briefings
9. Due to the proximity of Class C Shreveport Regional Airport (SHV) and Barksdale AFB, you must carry an aircraft radio
10. Application must be completely filled out
11. You must submit IRS Form W-9. Form may be downloaded using this link: [IRS Form W-9](#). **Download, complete and sign.**

CANCELLATION POLICY

Pilot entry fees will not be refunded due to cancellation after June 20, 2018.

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- \$200 Pilot Entry Fee enclosed (payable to Balloon Federation of America) or [BFA Store](#)
- \$1500 Commercial entry fee (payable to Balloon Federation of America), if applicable
- Signature on Entry Agreement, credit card authorization and application
- Completed Pilot Biography enclosed. PLEASE take the time to complete all information requested.
- Color photo of balloon provided
- Personal photo provided
- E-mail address is complete and legible. You will be kept up to date on the Championship information.
- IRS Form W-9 completed**

PILOT ENTRY AGREEMENT

Including Acknowledgement of Responsibility and Release of Liability

I hereby declare that I am participating in the US National Hot Air Balloon Championship (**Championship**) on **July 8 – 15, 2018** of my own free volition. I agree that the organizers and sponsors of this event (including the Shreveport-Bossier Convention & Tourist Bureau and its division, the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission, LSU Shreveport, City of Shreveport, City of Bossier City, Caddo Parish Commission, Bossier Parish Police Jury, DeSoto Parish Police Jury, Cumulus Broadcasting and State Fair of Louisiana, Balloon Federation of America, event race officials, my sponsor or any subsidiaries, employees, officers, trustees, agents and/or members of the above mentioned entities) are providing me with the facilities and means for my participation in this event and in no way do they supersede the responsibility of the pilot in command, as shown in CFR § 91.3(a) and elsewhere in the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR's).

I hereby certify that I am aware of and agree with the responsibility legally transferred to me under the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR's) as regards my personal decision to fly my balloon, and any bodily injury or property damage resulting from there is solely my liability, and that my decision as pilot in command may affect my placement in this event if I choose not to fly. **I understand that the pilot of each balloon has full and complete authority over the balloon and is responsible for all decisions to be made associated with the balloon on the ground and in the air.**

I certify that I am of sound mind and body and I have no medical, mental, or physical limitations that would limit my ability to safely fly my aircraft. I am not taking prescription or over the counter drugs that may impair my ability to safely fly my aircraft.

Officials of the US National Hot Air Balloon Championship may supply information, guidance, or data and will use reasonable care to ensure the information is accurate and complete. However, the BFA/HACD and **Championship** assumes no responsibility for the completeness or accuracy of such information. It is my decision whether to rely on that information or acquire additional information. I agree that none of the flights are mandatory and that I will make all flights at my option.

I hereby agree to have in full force during the **Championship** a balloon insurance policy with minimum liability limits of \$1,000,000 each occurrence combined bodily injury and property damage, including passengers, but not less than \$100,000 each passenger.

I hereby give permission, without any restriction, to the **Championship** or its assigns, to use still and motion pictures and sound recordings of me, my balloon, equipment, chase crewmembers, employees and agents for news, advertising, promotional media and commercial uses.

It is my understanding that the organizers may inspect all balloons entered in the event; but that such inspection is only for the purpose of determining whether the aircraft complies with all rules of eligibility of said event. The approval of the balloon by said officials does not constitute a representation or warranty of any kind or character whatsoever concerning the mechanical condition of the aircraft, or whether or not it is airworthy.

I acknowledge that the **Championship** utilizes GPS loggers for purposes of scoring and monitoring participant's flights for adherence to event regulations regarding landowner relations and Prohibited Zone infractions. I agree to carry this GPS logger on all flights and conform to all rules related to its use. I also acknowledge financial responsibility for the device while under my control.

I agree that this Agreement is a Louisiana contract and it is to be governed by the laws of the State of Louisiana, and that I hereby submit myself to the jurisdiction of the Louisiana courts concerning any claims arising out of the **Championship** or this Agreement. This Agreement, including the Conditions of Entry, General Information, Insurance and Hotel Reservation form, contains all the terms and conditions agreed to by the parties hereto, and no other agreements or discussions, oral or written, regarding the subject matter of the Agreement shall be deemed to exist or bind any of the parties hereto.

I, the pilot in command, hereby declare that I will fly in accordance with the event rules and regulations, abide by the FAR's, and fly entirely at my own risk and waive any right of action against the **Championship**, the owner of the launch site, event race officials, my sponsor or any employees, officers, trustees, agents, and their respective members for any loss or damage sustained by me in consequence of any action or omission on their part, my part or the part of other participants.

Thus, I release the organizers and sponsors of this event (including the Shreveport-Bossier Convention & Tourist Bureau and its division, the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission, LSU Shreveport, City of Shreveport, City of Bossier City, Caddo Parish Commission, Bossier Parish Police Jury, DeSoto Parish Police Jury, Cumulus Broadcasting and State Fair of Louisiana, Balloon Federation of America, event race officials, my sponsor or any subsidiaries, employees, officers, trustees, agents and/or members of the above mentioned entities) from liability for their actions or inactions relating to the **Championship** which may arise out of or result from or in any manner be connected with the balloon flight or activity in which I participate as a pilot in command.

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REGISTRATION IS ACCURATE AND I ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THIS ENTRY AGREEMENT.

Pilot Name (Please Print)	Signature	Date
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PILOT APPLICATION

LOCAL CREW NEEDS	
Do you need local crew? Maximum 4 crew credentials provided. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	How many? _____ Special needs? _____

Please note: due to insurance and legal restrictions, local volunteer crew provided by SBSC are not permitted to drive your chase vehicle.

I certify the information provided in this Pilot Application to be correct.

Pilot Signature: _____

Date: _____

BFA OFFICE USE ONLY				
Pilot Name		Date/Time Received		Rookie <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Entry Fee Received	Check #	Amount		<input type="checkbox"/> MC/VISA # Expiration
<input type="checkbox"/> Ins Certificate Rec'd	<input type="checkbox"/> BFA Member	BFA Expiration Date		<input type="checkbox"/> Competition Cardholder
<input type="checkbox"/> Pilot Photo	<input type="checkbox"/> Balloon Photo	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Entry Fee		<input type="checkbox"/> Pilot Bio Received



PILOT BIOGRAPHY & PHOTOS

Every participating pilot **must submit a new personal balloon biography and COLOR photo of their balloon as well as a personal photo (head shot)**. We ask that all photos be submitted in digital format. You may email your digital photo and biography to the Balloon Federation of America, bfaoffice@bfa.net

Must be submitted with Pilot Application by **March 19, 2018**. **Registrations will not be considered complete without photos and bio. Thank you!**

Digital personal color photo sent by e-mail

Digital color photo of balloon sent by e-mail

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Commercial Occupation: _____

Private Years / Hours PIC: ____/____ Highest Altitude / Longest Distance ____/____

National Ranking: 2017 ____ 2016 ____ 2015 ____ 2014 ____ 2013 ____

World Ranking: 2017 ____ 2016 ____ 2015 ____ 2014 ____ 2013 ____

List any past Championships

US Nationals: _____

World Championships: _____

Any "unique" competitive experiences: _____

Countries flown in other than United States: _____

List any ballooning (hot air or gas) records currently or previously held: _____

List any other aircraft ratings that you hold: _____

Most memorable flight: _____

Have you attended a BFA US National Championship in the past? _____

Other hobbies: _____

Any other "claims to fame"? _____

ALL FORMS MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN March 19, 2018 TO:
Balloon Federation of America
1601 N. Jefferson
PO Box 400
Indianola, IA 50125

Preliminary Pilot Schedule

Sunday, July 8, 2018 (SR 06:15; SS 8:25)

1:00 – 3:00 PM Early check in available for DeSoto Championship participants, Hilton Garden Inn, Shreveport

DeSoto Parish Championship

All may attend but only first twenty registered for this event receive the comp room for Sunday and Monday, gift card and free practice propane

5:00 – 5:30 PM Pilots and crew arrive C E “Rusty” Williams (DeSoto Parish) Airport, 40 minutes south on HWY 171
6:00 PM **Pilot and crew meal**, 4H Building
7:15 PM **Pilot Prize Flight Briefing**, 4H Building
7:30 – 8:25 PM **Pole Grab and \$10,000 Prize Flight** – Fly-in to airport and ring toss
8:30 – 9:30 PM **Balloon Glow**: DeSoto Parish airport
10:00 – 11:00 PM Propane refueling, Louisiana State Fairgrounds, Hearne Ave Exit US 20 (2631 / 9383)

Monday, July 9, 2018 (SR 06:15; SS 8:25)

3:00 – 6:00 PM **Preliminary Pilot Registration**, Hilton Garden Inn (HGI), HGI Rose Ballroom. Pilots flying ‘official’ practice flight must register, get competition maps, review and sign FAA Waiver acknowledgement form. Pilots will still be required to attend full Pilot Registration on Tuesday afternoon for FAA credential exam.

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 (SR 06:16; SS 8:25) **All event provided rooms available for check in**

5:00 AM Coffee and refreshments available, HGI
5:45 – 6:00 AM Pilot Flight Briefing for optional practice flight (FAA Waivered), HGI Orchid Ballroom
6:30 – 9:30 AM **Optional practice flight**
8:30 – 9:30 AM Propane refueling (\$40/fill, cash only for non-DeSoto participants), Louisiana State Fairgrounds
1:00 – 4:00 PM **Pilot Registration**, HGI Rose Ballroom
2:00 – 4:00 PM **Rookie Orientation, BFA Declaration App, Dakota 10 Logger and review and discussion of complex tasks, pilot Q & A** - all welcome, non-mandatory, HGI Orchid Ballroom
4:30 – 5:30 PM **General Briefing**, HGI Orchid Ballroom
6:30 – 9:00 PM Welcome party, Margaritaville Casino, Paradise Theatre, 777 Margaritaville Way, Bossier City, 3023 / 9851

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 (SR 06:16; SS 8:25)

5:00 AM Coffee and donuts available, HGI
5:40 AM Briefing doors open,
5:45 AM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing**: HGI Orchid Ballroom
6:30 – 9:30 AM **Competition Flight 1**
9:00 – 10:30 AM Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to HGI Lobby
9:00 – 10:30 AM Propane refueling, Louisiana State Fairgrounds
11:30 – 12:30 PM Non-mandatory Task Debriefing – strategies for the morning’s tasks discussed by Nick Donner Cliver, Orchid Ballroom

Thursday, July 12, 2018 (SR 06:17; SS 8:24)

5:00 AM Coffee and donuts available, HGI
5:40 AM Briefing doors open,
5:45 AM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing**: HGI Orchid Ballroom
6:30 – 9:30 AM **Competition Flight 2**
9:00 – 10:30 AM Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to HGI Lobby
9:00 – 10:30 AM Propane refueling, Louisiana State Fairgrounds
11:30 – 12:30 PM Non-mandatory Task Debriefing – strategies for the morning’s tasks discussed by Al Nels, Orchid Ballroom

Greenwood, LA Glow

Five pilot glow at Boothill Speedway. Those selected will be excused from either Friday or Saturday LSUS Glow

5:30 - 6:30 PM Pilots arrive
5:45 – 7:00 PM Pilot Meal
7:15 PM Pilot Glow Briefing
8:15 – 9:00 PM Balloon Glow
9:30 – 10:30 Propane refueling, Louisiana State Fairgrounds

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Friday, July 13, 2018 (SR 06:18; SS 8:24)

5:00 AM Coffee and donuts available, HGI
5:40 AM Briefing doors open,
5:45 AM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing:** HGI Orchid Ballroom
6:30 – 9:00 AM **Competition Flight 3**
9:00 – 10:30 AM Debriefing: return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to HGI Lobby
9:00 – 10:30 AM Propane refueling, Louisiana State Fairgrounds
11:30 – 12:30 PM Non-mandatory Task Debriefing – strategies for the morning's tasks discussed by Andy Baird, Orchid Ballroom

Friday Evening Non-Competitive Activities

6:00 - 6:30 PM Pilots arrive LSUS. Enter at E Kings Hwy and University PI (N entrance)
6:30 – 7:30 PM **Pilot Dinner**, Baptist Collegiate Ministry, 1 University PI, LSUS Campus all pilots
8:00 PM **Glow Briefing:** All pilots, Baptist Collegiate Ministry
8:30 – 9:15 PM **Balloon Glow**
9:30 PM Fireworks
9:30 – 10:30 PM Propane refueling, Louisiana State Fairgrounds

Saturday, July 14, 2018 (SR 06:18; SS 8:24)

5:00 AM Coffee and donuts available, LSUS
5:40 AM Briefing doors open,
5:45 AM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing:** HGI Orchid Ballroom
6:30 – 9:30 AM **Competition Flight 4:** includes LSUS Fly-In or Fly-Out
9:00 – 10:00 AM Debriefing: return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to HGI Lobby
9:00 – 10:30 AM Propane refueling, Louisiana State Fairgrounds
11:30 – 12:30 PM Non-mandatory Task Debriefing – strategies for the morning's tasks discussed by Nick Donner, Orchid Ballroom

Saturday Evening Non-Competitive Activities, LSU Campus, 1 University Place 3019 / 9883

6:00 - 6:30 PM Pilots arrive LSUS. Enter at E Kings Hwy and University PI (N entrance)
6:30 – 7:30 **Pilot Dinner**, Baptist Collegiate Ministry, 1 University PI, LSUS Campus all pilots
8:00 PM **Pilot Glow Briefing:** All pilots, Baptist Collegiate Ministry
8:30 – 9:15 PM **Balloon Glow:**
9:30 PM Fireworks
9:30 – 10:30 PM Propane refueling, Louisiana State Fairgrounds

Sunday, July 15, 2018 (SR 06:19; SS 8:23)

5:00 AM Coffee and donuts available, HGI Orchid Ballroom
5:40 AM Briefing doors open,
5:45 AM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing:** HGI Orchid Ballroom
6:30 – 9:30 AM **Competition Flight 5,** includes LSUS Fly-In or Fly-Out
9:00 – 10:00 AM Debriefing: return of sponsor banners, unused markers, Loggers, and FRF
9:00 – 10:30 AM Propane refueling, Louisiana State Fairgrounds

12:30 PM Awards Brunch, HGI Ballroom

Important Location Addresses and Phone Numbers

Hilton Garden Inn (1948 / 9080)

5971 Financial Plaza, Shreveport
Phone: (318) 686-0148

Louisiana State Fairgrounds (2631 / 9383)

3701 Hudson Ave. (Exit US20 at Hearne Ave)
Shreveport, LA 71109

Boothill Speedway (0854 / 9122)

9144 Daytona Drive
Geenwood, LA 71033

C E "Rusty" Williams (DeSoto Parish) Airport (2790 / 4777)

211 Independent Ave, Grand Cane, LA 71032
Phone: (318) 871-8900

LSUS Campus (3408 / 8838)

1 University Place