

TIMELY RESPONSE ENCOURAGED



February 11, 2019

Dear Competitor:

Invitation

It is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the 2019 US National Hot Air Balloon Championship in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. The Balloon Federation of America has licensed the Old West Balloon Fest as the organizer for the 2019-2021 championships. A prize fund of \$20,000 is guaranteed along with a \$200 travel stipend to be paid in cash or gift/gas cards. The competitive event officially starts with on-site pilot registration and the mandatory General Briefing on Sunday, August 11. The organizer and HACD are offering support for two formal training flights to introduce the use of the FAI logger that will be used in this year's competition - Saturday and Sunday, August 10-11. The last competitive flight is scheduled for Saturday morning followed by a mandatory evening glow that will be the final flight operation of the Championship. The closing ceremony, awards and brunch is scheduled for Sunday morning August 18 allowing all participants to hit the road early for the return home.

The organizer is providing a complimentary hotel room for pilots with check in starting Sunday, August 11 and check out Sunday, August 18. Pilots wishing to arrive early may do so at their own expense and may reserve space once acceptance is confirmed and hotel information is provided. Once you have been accepted in the Championship you will be sent an acceptance confirmation along with your hotel contact information. Propane will be available on the mornings of August 10-11 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 US BFA/HACD member pilots who are in good standing. 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 – 2019](#).

Background

The Championship will introduce the use of the FAI logger in order to better align our Championship with the capabilities afforded us with this technology. The BFA Declaration App may or may not be used in conjunction with the FAI logger. As those decisions are made you will be informed. 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. On line tutorials and information regarding the FAI loggers are available using these links: [Interactive FAI Logger Tutorial](#), [Balloon Competition Loggers](#)

It is the intent of the HACD to post educational videos to the BFA/HACD web site prior to the event and we encourage you to take advantage of them. Topics being considered include: FAI logger, highlights of 2019 rule changes, scoring area definitions and examples, new task sheet layout and an electronic task tutorial.

Old West Balloon Fest and I are confident that this year's Championship will be well attended and a challenging exciting experience for both seasoned competitors and those new to the US Nationals. This summer's event will serve as your last opportunity to qualify for the 2020 World Hot Air Balloon Championships in Murska Sobota, Slovenija. It will also serve as one of the qualifying events, along with the US Women's Nationals, for the 2020 Women's and Junior World Championship.

Application Deadline – April 1, 2019

Participation in this year's event is limited to a maximum of fifty (50) 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, Section VI (b). 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 April 15 – **all applications (complete with bio and entry fee) must be received in the BFA Office on or before April 1, 2019.** You can mail your application or complete the attached forms, scan and email it to the BFA office.

Women and Junior Competitors

The Organizer has generously provided for organizer exemptions for women and juniors desiring to use the US Nationals as a qualifier for their possible participation in International competition. Women and juniors not otherwise qualifying in the top fifty spots will be provided a spot in the US Nationals if it is your intention to use the event to qualify for participation in an upcoming World Championship. This is a unique opportunity and hopefully many will take advantage. It's important to note that these exemptions in no way impact the normal top fifty selection process. Women and juniors desiring to compete Internationally also need to be aware of new policies regarding US National experience requirements taking effect for International competition qualification starting in 2022.

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 15, 2019. A waiting list will be maintained for all applications received beyond the fifty qualifying slots available. Plans often change and last minute slots may be available. Even if your position in the 2018 National Eligibility System is well below the top fifty, you are encouraged to apply if you have an interest in competing. All women and juniors desiring to use this Championship as a qualifier for your respective World Championship are especially encouraged to register. Under no circumstances will pilot entries be filled from the waiting list after August 1, 2019. We ask that you submit your application only when all requested information is complete.

Insurance

The Organizer and the BFA/HACD require 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 Aviation Insurance Resources and RPS/IMC Balloon Insurance agencies and have been assured by those agencies that they have no issues with this requirement.

We will provide a list of entities requiring additionally insured certificates that you will have to authorize. Additionally insureds will likely include: Cities of Scottsbluff, Gering and Mitchell, Oregon Trail Community Trail Foundation and Scotts Bluff County.

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
Henry Rosenbaum, Mechanicsville, VA	Deputy Director
Brad Temeyer, Sioux Falls, SD	Meteorologist
Ted Watts	Safety Officer
Mike Gilligan, Richardson, TX	Scoring Officer
Lynn Sullivan, Canton, OH	Administrative Assistant, Assistant Scoring Officer
Dottie Humbert, Battle Creek, MI	Logger Manager/TSO
Sheri Berry, Battle Creek, MI	Chief Measuring Officer
Gary Britton, Slinger, WI	Jury President

On-site Registration

A Preliminary Registration will be available Saturday morning before the first official practice flight and afternoon at the Gering Civic Center 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 Sunday, August 11 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM at the Gering Civic Center. All pilot packs, tickets, maps, banners, etc. will be distributed at that time. FAA staff from the Lincoln, Nebraska 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 during the weekend activities. 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 Colleen Johnson at Old West Balloon Fest directly (colleenjohnson302@gmail.com) for booth information, pricing and availability.

Room Accommodations

The Organizer is working on hotel arrangements trying their very best to provide suitable accommodations for pilots and crew as convenient as possible to the briefing center. Economics, of course, plays a major role in finding suitable facilities. Pilots will be advised of hotel choices available upon acceptance into the Championship and the **hotel selection process will be based on a first-come, first-served basis determined by pilot application entry date.** Pilots will be required to make their own reservations for early arrivals and crew rooms once advised of contracted hotels. Please do not contact any hotels directly 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 BBQ Volunteer and Pilot Meet & Greet, Friday Pilot/Sponsor Dinner and Sunday Awards Brunch.

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.

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. If your plans or needs change, we ask that you notify the volunteer coordinator immediately so that the volunteers can be reassigned. Our volunteer coordinator is Sherri Cargile and her contact information will be made available in your acceptance confirmation package.

Maps

Each participating pilot is provided two official full color competition maps of the primary competition area. Once finalized, you will be provided a link to digital versions (several file formats) of the competition map.

Map development will be available for viewing thru its finalization using this link: [US National Map Drop Box](#). 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

A portion of competitive flight operations are within the Class E airspace of Western Nebraska Regional Airport (KBFF). The facility is fully cooperating with our event and operations personnel to ensure a safe event. No ATC clearance or radio communication is required for VFR flight in class E airspace.

FSIMS Implications

The FAA issued Order 8900.1 effective January 1, 2019. The Order clarified many issues facing balloon events and pilots related to compensation for hire, aircraft lights for night glows and required pilot and aircraft documents. While the language of FSIMS says the organizer is 'authorized to send' the FSDO electronic copies of the pilot and aircraft documentation 30 days or more prior to the event, we don't currently know how the Lincoln FSDO will interpret this requirement. After acceptance you will be advised if you are required to submit these documents electronically.

If you apply, I encourage you to prepare the following required documents for electronic submission no later than July 1, 2019:

Pilot	Aircraft
Pilot Certificate	Airworthiness Certificate
Current valid government issued photo ID	Registration Certificate
	Operating Limitations (in Flight Manual)
	Copy of current inspections: annual/100 hour
	Copy of Special Flight Authorization (SFA) for foreign-registered aircraft

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.

If you have any questions concerning this application as it relates to the Championship, please contact Maury Sullivan, Championship Director, at (330) 323-4455. Details regarding hotel contacts, volunteer crew and other local organizational details will be made available at the time acceptance packages are sent.

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 Old West Balloon Fest, we look forward to seeing you in Scottsbluff, Nebraska this summer.

Sincerely,

Maury Sullivan
 Championship Director
 2019 US Nationals, Balloon Federation of America

Enclosures: Pilot Application, Entry Agreement, Pilot Biography, Preliminary Schedule of Events

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PILOT INFORMATION					
Name Last		First		Middle	
Street		Emergency Contact (relationship) <i>name and cell phone number</i>			
City		State		Zip	
E-mail Address (please print neatly)		BFA/HACD Competition #		BFA Membership Expiration Date <i>(Must be paid thru August 18, 2019)</i>	
Cell Phone <i>(for event recall and messages)</i>		Crew Chief Name and Cell Phone <i>(for event recall and messages)</i>		Additional Crew Name & Cell Phone <i>(for event recall and messages)</i>	
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 balloon and personal photo (head shot) to BFA	Have you ever competed in a BFA US National Championship? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<p>In the past 3 years, have you been convicted of a DUI/DWI offense or been cited by the FAA for violation of a Federal Aviation Regulation?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, FAR violation <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, DUI/DWI violation. Have you filed the Notification Letter required by §61.15? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes to either, please explain (e.g. date, brief facts, disposition). What remedial/corrective action have you taken as a result of your incident/accident or conviction?					
Pilot Golf Shirt Size S M L XL 2X 3X Crew tee shirt size – three (3) 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 / Underwriter:		Policy Number:		Expiration Date	
Coverage Per Passenger:		Combined Single Limit:		Policy Limit:	
I authorize _____ to add the Cities of Scottsbluff, Gering and Mitchell, Oregon Trail Community Trail Foundation and Scotts Bluff County for the period August 10-18, 2019.					
<p>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 August 18, 2019, ten (10) days written notice will be given to Balloon Federation of America, P.O. Box 400, Indianola, IA 50125</p>					
Signature			Date		

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Pilots receive one (1) complimentary room for the scheduled dates of the competition (8/11/19 thru 8/18/19). 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 Old West Balloon Fest 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:

- Saturday, August 10** **Sunday, August 11**

Crew Accommodations

Additional crew rooms will be available at a cost of approximately \$100 plus tax per night. You are required to make your own hotel reservation for any additional crew rooms you may require. Your acceptance confirmation will advise of your assigned hotel and related contact information.

COMPETITION MAP

Each competitor will be provided two (2) paper competition maps at on-site registration. If you would like maps mailed to you in advance of the event, contact our map maker directly at toddfisher@att.net.

PILOT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Private or Commercial Pilot Certificate (**plastic**)
2. Minimum of 50 hours as LTA/PIC This is what is required for FAI World championships
3. Aircraft Airworthiness, **current registration** and Aircraft Logbook checked at registration by Lincoln 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 15, 2019
8. You must arrive on time for registration, General Briefing and be present for all flight briefings
9. Application must be completely filled out
10. 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 July 1, 2019.

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- \$200 Pilot Entry Fee enclosed (payable to Balloon Federation of America) or [BFA Store](#)
- \$1500 Commercial entry fee in lieu of pilot entry fee (payable to Balloon Federation of America), if applicable
- Signature on Entry Agreement 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**

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?
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Please circle the days you need crew.

Practice: Saturday Sunday **Competition:** Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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 August 11 - 18, **2019** of my own free volition. I agree that the organizers and sponsors of this event (including the Cities of Scottsbluff, Gering and Mitchell, Oregon Trail Community Trail Foundation and Scotts Bluff County' 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 Nebraska contract and it is to be governed by the laws of the State of Nebraska, and that I hereby submit myself to the jurisdiction of the Nebraska 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 Cities of Scottsbluff, Gering and Mitchell, Oregon Trail Community Trail Foundation and Scotts Bluff County, 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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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 **April 1, 2019**. **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: _____

Occupation: _____

Commercial

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

National Ranking: 2018 ____ 2017 ____ 2016 ____ 2015 ____ 2014 ____

World Ranking: 2018 ____ 2017 ____ 2016 ____ 2015 ____ 2014 ____

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 April 1, 2019 TO:

**Balloon Federation of America
1601 N. Jefferson, PO Box 400, Indianola, IA 50125**

Preliminary Pilot Schedule

Saturday, August 10, 2019 (SR 05:57; SS 8:01)

All event provided rooms available for check in Sunday

4:30 AM	Coffee and refreshments available, Gering Civic Center Preliminary Pilot Registration , Gering Civic Center. Pilots flying 'official' practice flights must register, get competition maps, review and sign FAA Waiver acknowledgement form. Pilots will still be required to attend full Pilot Registration on Sunday afternoon for FAA credential exam.
5:30 – 5:45 AM	Pilot Flight Briefing for optional practice flight (FAA Waivered), Gering Civic Center
6:00 – 9:00 AM	Optional practice flight 1
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Propane refueling (\$40/fill, cash only), Five Rocks Amphitheater
1:00 – 2:30 PM	Task Debriefing – logger orientation and strategies for the morning's tasks discussed by competitors and staff, Gering Civic Center
3:00 – 6:00 PM	Preliminary Pilot Registration , Gering Civic Center. 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 Sunday afternoon for FAA credential exam.
5:30 – 7:30 PM	Gering public meet and greet on 10 th Street – mandatory, map and details in registration materials
7:30 – 9:00 PM	Propane refueling (if there is a candlestick glow), Five Rocks Amphitheater

Sunday, August 11, 2019 (SR 05:58; SS 8:00)

All event provided rooms available for check in 3 PM today

5:00 AM	Coffee and refreshments available, Gering Civic Center
5:30 – 5:45 AM	Pilot Flight Briefing for optional practice flight (FAA Waivered), Gering Civic Center
6:00 – 9:00 AM	Optional practice flight 2
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Propane refueling (\$40/fill, cash only), Five Rocks Amphitheater
11:00 – 12:00 noon	Task Debriefing – logger orientation and strategies for the morning's tasks discussed by competitors and staff, Gering Civic Center
1:00 – 4:00 PM	Pilot Registration and FAA check-in , Gering Civic Center
2:00 – 4:00 PM	Rookie Orientation, BFA Declaration App, FAI Logger, review and discussion of complex tasks, pilot Q & A - all welcome, non-mandatory, Gering Civic Center
4:00 – 5:00 PM	General Briefing , Gering Civic Center
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Welcome party, Volunteer and Pilot meet and Greet BBQ, Mitchell Airfield

Monday, August 12, 2019 (SR 05:59; SS 7:59)

4:45 AM	Coffee and donuts available, Gering Civic Center
5:20 AM	Briefing doors open,
5:30 AM	Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing : Gering Civic Center
6:00 – 9:00 AM	Competition Flight 1
8:30 – 10:00 AM	Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to Gering Civic Center
8:30 – 10:00 AM	Propane refueling, Five Rocks Amphitheater
11:00 – 12:00 noon	Non-mandatory Task Debriefing – strategies for the morning's tasks discussed led by competitor panel, Gering Civic Center
5:00 PM	Briefing doors open,
5:15 PM	Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing : Gering Civic Center
6:00 – 7:45 PM	Competition Flight 2
7:30 – 9:00 PM	Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to Gering Civic Center
7:30 – 9:00 PM	Propane refueling, Five Rocks Amphitheater

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Tuesday, August 13, 2019 (SR 06:00; SS 7:57)

4:45 AM Coffee and donuts available, Gering Civic Center
5:20 AM Briefing doors open,
5:30 AM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing:** Gering Civic Center
6:00 – 9:00 AM **Competition Flight 3**
8:30 – 10:00 AM Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to Gering Civic Center
8:30 – 10:00 AM Propane refueling, Five Rocks Amphitheater
11:00 – 12:00 noon Non-mandatory Task Debriefing – strategies for last evening and this morning's tasks discussed led by competitor panel, Gering Civic Center

5:00 PM Briefing doors open,
5:15 PM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing:** Gering Civic Center
6:00 – 7:45 PM **Competition Flight 4**
7:30 – 9:00 PM Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to Gering Civic Center
7:30 – 9:00 PM Propane refueling, Five Rocks Amphitheater

Wednesday, August 14, 2019 (SR 06:01; SS 7:56)

4:45 AM Coffee and donuts available, Gering Civic Center
5:20 AM Briefing doors open,
5:30 AM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing:** Gering Civic Center
6:00 – 9:00 AM **Competition Flight 5**
8:30 – 10:00 AM Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to Gering Civic Center
8:30 – 10:00 AM Propane refueling, Five Rocks Amphitheater
11:00 – 12:00 noon Non-mandatory Task Debriefing – strategies for last evening and this morning's tasks discussed led by competitor panel, Gering Civic Center

5:00 PM Briefing doors open,
5:15 PM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing:** Gering Civic Center
6:00 – 7:45 PM **Competition Flight 6**
7:30 – 9:00 PM Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to Gering Civic Center
7:30 – 9:00 PM Propane refueling, Five Rocks Amphitheater

Thursday, August 15, 2019 (SR 06:02; SS 7:54)

4:45 AM Coffee and donuts available, Gering Civic Center
5:20 AM Briefing doors open,
5:30 AM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing:** Gering Civic Center
6:00 – 9:00 AM **Competition Flight 7**
8:30 – 10:00 AM Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to Gering Civic Center
8:30 – 10:00 AM Propane refueling, Five Rocks Amphitheater
11:00 – 12:00 noon Non-mandatory Task Debriefing – strategies for last evening and this morning's tasks discussed led by competitor panel, Gering Civic Center

Thursday Evening Non-Competitive Activities – Mandatory Attendance even # pilots only

6:00 – 6:30 PM Pilots arrive Western Nebraska Community College
6:30 – 7:30 PM **Pilot light Dinner**
7:30 PM **Glow Briefing:** All pilots, college
8:00 – 9:00 PM **Balloon Glow,** Western Nebraska Community College
9:30 – 10:30 PM Propane refueling, Five Rocks Amphitheater

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Friday, August 16, 2019 (SR 06:03; SS 7:53)

4:45 AM Coffee and donuts available, Gering Civic Center
5:20 AM Briefing doors open,
5:30 AM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing:** Gering Civic Center
6:00 – 9:00 AM **Competition Flight 9**
8:30 – 10:00 AM Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to Gering Civic Center
8:30 – 10:00 AM Propane refueling, Mitchell Airfield

Friday Evening Non-Competitive Activities

5:30 – 8:30 PM **Pilot / Sponsor Dinner,** Weborg 21 Centre

Saturday, August 17, 2019 (SR 06:04; SS 7:51)

4:45 AM Coffee and donuts available, Gering Civic Center
5:20 AM Briefing doors open,
5:30 AM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing:** Gering Civic Center
6:00 – 9:00 AM **Last Competition Flight 10**
8:30 – 10:00 AM Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to Gering Civic Center
8:30 – 10:00 AM Propane refueling, Mitchell Airfield

Saturday Evening Non-Competitive Activities – Mandatory Attendance odd # pilots only

6:00 – 6:30 PM Pilots arrive Five Rocks Amphitheater
6:30 – 7:30 PM **Pilot Dinner,** Glow Field
8:00 PM **Glow Briefing:** All pilots, Glow field
9:00 – 10:00 PM **Balloon Glow, Five Rocks Amphitheatre**
9:30 – 10:30 PM Propane refueling, Five Rocks Amphitheater

Sunday, August 18, 2019 (SR 06:05; SS 7:50)

9:00 AM **Awards Brunch,** Weborg 21 Centre

Important Location Addresses and Phone Numbers

Gering Civic Center

Address: 1050 M St,
Gering, NE 69341
Phone: (308) 436-6888
<http://www.geringciviccenter.com/home.aspx>

Weborg 21 Centre

Address: 2625 10th St,
Gering, NE 69341
Phone: (308) 633-2112
<https://www.facebook.com/Weborg21Centre/>

Mitchell Airfield 9878 / 4145

60653 Mitchell South Rd,
Mitchell, NE

Western Nebraska Regional Airport/William B. Heilig Field (KBFF)

250023 Airport Terminal Street
Elevation: 3967.3 ft.
WX ASOS: 121.025 (308-632-8949)

Western Nebraska Community College 1246 / 3711

1601 E. 27th Street
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Five Rocks Glow Field 0982 / 3016

NW intersection P and Five Rocks
Gering, NE