2017 Schedule of Events

Friday, July 28, 2017

6:30am	Great Texas Balloon Race Competition Flight over Longview
4:00pm	Gates Open at East Texas Regional Airport for Great Texas Balloon Race Festival
8:15pm	Special Shapes Spectacular
8:45pm	Great Texas Balloon Race Opening Ceremony
8:50pm	Balloon Glow
9:30pm	***Concert TBA***
Midnight	Gates Close for the Day

Saturday, July 29, 2017

5:45am	Gates Open at East Texas Regional Airport
6:30am	Great Texas Balloon Race Competition Flight over East Texas Regional Airport Ring Toss Competition and other Navigational Tasks *(Balloons will be launched from at least 2 miles away and fly over the event grounds at ET Regional Airport. Launch site and time will vary depending on weather and wind direction)*
11:00am	**GTBR Festival Closes for Midday**
4:00pm	**GTBR Festival Re-Opens for Evening Entertainment**
8:15pm	Special Shapes Spectacular
8:45pm	Opening Ceremony
8:50pm	Balloon Glow
9:30pm	***Concert TBA***
Midnight	Gates Close for the Day

Sunday, July 30, 2017

5:45am	Gates Open at East Texas Regional Airport
6:30am	Great Texas Balloon Race Competition Flight over East Texas Regional Airport Ring Toss Competition and other Navigational Tasks *(Balloons will be launched from at least 2 miles away and fly over the event grounds at ET Regional Airport. Launch site and time will vary depending on weather and wind direction)*

All times are approximate and schedule may change without notice. All events at the Great Texas Balloon Race are dependent on prevailing weather conditions. The safety of our pilots, volunteers and spectators is our primary concern. **Competitive flight for Friday will NOT be seen at the East Texas Regional Airport** but will take place over the City of Longview and parts of Gregg County. Each morning the flight launch and targets will be determined based on prevailing winds.