



Sponsor and Exhibitor Handbook

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ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA®

Dear Sponsor:

Welcome to the 2026 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta®. We look forward to having you as an integral part of our event.

This Sponsor Handbook contains all you need to know to make your sponsorship safe and successful. It is the responsibility of each sponsor and its staff to understand and follow our policies and procedures.

As we plan and prepare for Balloon Fiesta, please share with us your questions, suggestions and comments. We value your help in improving our process and this handbook.

You can reach our sponsorship team either by phone or the e-mail addresses listed below. Let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

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2026 EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, October 2

7:00am Balloons Aloft (at local elementary schools)

SATURDAY, October 3 | ExxonMobil Day

5:45am Drone Light Show, *sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino*
 6:00am Dawn Patrol Show, *presented by Route 66 Casino Hotel and RV Resort*
 6:30am Krispy Kreme Morning Glow
 6:55am Opening Ceremonies
 7:00am Mass Ascension, *powered by ExxonMobil*
 8:00-noon Chainsaw Carving Exhibition
 10:00am Chainsaw Carving Auction
 3:00-6:00pm Chainsaw Carving Exhibition
 5:00pm Team Fastrax™ Skydiving, *sponsored by Accident Insurance Company, Inc.*
 6:30pm Twilight Twinkle Glow™, *powered by ExxonMobil*
 7:30pm Team Fastrax™ Skydiving, *sponsored by Accident Insurance Company, Inc.*
 7:45pm Drone Light Show, *sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino*
 8:00pm* AfterGlow™ Fireworks Show

SUNDAY, October 4

5:45am Drone Light Show, *sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino*
 6:00am Dawn Patrol Show, *presented by Route 66 Casino Hotel and RV Resort*
 6:30am Krispy Kreme Morning Glow
 7:00am Mass Ascension
 7:30-11:00 am Fiesta de Los Globitos (Remote Control Balloon Exhibition), *sponsored by City of Las Vegas, NM*
 8:00-noon Chainsaw Carving Exhibition
 9:00am Fiesta of Wheels Car Show (*located on north end of launch field*)
 10:00am Chainsaw Carving Auction
 11:00am Balloon Fiesta Pin Trading (*Group Tour Tent, north end of Main Street*)
 3:00-6:00pm Chainsaw Carving Exhibition
 5:00pm Team Fastrax™ Skydiving, *sponsored by Accident Insurance Company, Inc.*
 6:30pm Balloon Glow™
 7:30pm Team Fastrax™ Skydiving, *sponsored by Accident Insurance Company, Inc.*
 7:45pm Drone Light Show, *sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino*
 8:00pm* AfterGlow™ Fireworks Show*

MONDAY, October 5 – New Mexico Day, presented by New Mexico True

5:45am	Drone Light Show, <i>sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino</i>
6:00am	Dawn Patrol
7:00am	Balloon Launch
8:00am	Fly In Competition
8:00-noon	Chainsaw Carving Exhibition

TUESDAY, October 6 | Coca-Cola Day

5:45am	Drone Light Show, <i>sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino</i>
6:00am	Dawn Patrol
7:00am	Balloon Launch
8:00am	Fly In Competition
8:00-noon	Chainsaw Carving Exhibition

WEDNESDAY, October 7

5:45am	Drone Light Show, <i>sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino</i>
6:00am	Dawn Patrol Show, <i>presented by Route 66 Casino Hotel and RV Resort</i>
6:30am	Krispy Kreme Morning Glow
7:00am	Flight of Nations Mass Ascension <i>presented by New Mexico True</i>
7:30-11:00am	Fiesta de Los Globitos (Remote Control Balloon Exhibition), <i>sponsored by City of Las Vegas, NM</i>
8:00-noon	Chainsaw Carving Exhibition

THURSDAY, October 8

5:45am	Drone Light Show, <i>sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino</i>
6:00am	Dawn Patrol
7:00am	Special Shape Rodeo™, <i>presented by Duke City Redi-Mix</i>
7:00am	Balloon Launch
8:00am	Fly In Competition
8:00-noon	Chainsaw Carving Exhibition
10:00am	Chainsaw Carving Auction
3:00-6:00pm	Chainsaw Carving Exhibition
5:00pm	Team Fastrax™ Skydiving, <i>sponsored by Accident Insurance Company, Inc.</i>
6:30pm	Special Shape Glowdeo™
7:30pm	Team Fastrax™ Skydiving, <i>sponsored by Accident Insurance Company, Inc.</i>
7:45pm	Drone Light Show, <i>sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino</i>
8:00pm*	AfterGlow™ Fireworks Show*

FRIDAY, October 9 | Kids' Day sponsored by Chick-fil-A

4:30 am	Kids' Day Goodie Bag Distribution begins (<i>South of the Main Street Stage</i>)
5:45am	Drone Light Show, <i>sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino</i>
6:00am	Dawn Patrol
7:00am	Special Shape Rodeo™
7:00am	Balloon Launch
7:30-11:00am	Fiesta de Los Globitos (Remote Control Balloon Exhibition), <i>sponsored by City of Las Vegas, NM</i>
8:00am	Fly In Competition
8:00-noon	Chainsaw Carving Exhibition
10:00am	Chainsaw Carving Auction
3:00-6:00pm	Chainsaw Carving Exhibition
5:00pm	Team Fastrax™ Skydiving, <i>sponsored by Accident Insurance Company, Inc.</i>
6:30pm	Special Shape Glowdeo™
7:30pm	Team Fastrax™ Skydiving, <i>sponsored by Accident Insurance Company, Inc.</i>
7:45pm	Drone Light Show, <i>sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino</i>
8:00pm*	AfterGlow™ Fireworks Show*

SATURDAY, October 10 | ExxonMobil Day

5:45am	Drone Light Show, <i>sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino</i>
6:00am	Dawn Patrol Show, <i>presented by Route 66 Casino Hotel and RV Resort</i>
6:30am	Krispy Kreme Morning Glow
7:00am	Mass Ascension, <i>powered by ExxonMobil</i>
8:00-noon	Chainsaw Carving Exhibition
10:00am	Chainsaw Carving Auction
11:00am	Balloon Fiesta Pin Trading (<i>Group Tour Tent, north end of Main Street</i>)
3:00-6:00pm	Chainsaw Carving Exhibition
3:00pm	Music Fiesta™ <i>presented by New Mexico Honda Dealers</i>
3:00pm	Music Fiesta™ - KRST DJ**
4:00pm	Music Fiesta™ - Nathaniel Krantz**
5:00pm	Team Fastrax™ Skydiving, <i>sponsored by Accident Insurance Company, Inc.</i>
5:30 pm	Music Fiesta™ – Dasha**
6:30pm	Night Magic™ Glow, <i>powered by ExxonMobil</i>
6:30pm	Fiesta de Los Globitos (Remote Control Balloon Exhibition), <i>sponsored by City of Las Vegas, NM</i>
7:30pm	Music Fiesta™ - Russell Dickerson**
9:00pm	Drone Light Show, <i>sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino</i>
9:15pm*	AfterGlow™ Fireworks Show*

SUNDAY, October 11

5:45am	Drone Light Show, <i>sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino</i>
6:00am	Dawn Patrol Show, <i>presented by Route 66 Casino Hotel and RV Resort</i>
6:30am	Krispy Kreme Morning Glow
7:00am	Farewell Mass Ascension, <i>presented by News Radio 770 KKOB</i>
8:00-noon	Chainsaw Carving Exhibition

**AfterGlow™ fireworks shows will begin as soon as the launch field is clear of balloons, thus the starting times are approximate and subject to change without notice. Additionally, local police will modify traffic flows to utilize all traffic lanes for outbound traffic only at the conclusion of each glow event. So, if you want to watch the AfterGlow™ fireworks shows from the Park, plan to arrive at the Park in time for that evening's glow event.*

***Music Fiesta™ requires a separate concert ticket. Balloon Fiesta® admission is required but does not include access to the designated Music Fiesta concert area.*

SPONSOR INFORMATION CENTER

The Sponsor Information Center is located at the west end of the restaurant building in the Sponsor Hospitality area (Golf Training Center).

Hours of Operation

Morning Events **4:30am – 11:00am**

Evening Events **4:30pm – 8:00pm**

Sponsor Team members are available during all Balloon Fiesta sessions.

Stephanie Prendergast **(505) 553-4434**

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SERVICE PROVIDERS

SHIPPING

For security, **you must notify us in advance** when to expect your shipment, and its contents.

Address all shipments to:

Curt Dahlquist

Balloon Fiesta

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Albuquerque, NM 87113

Re: (your company)/booth/exhibit/inserts

ELECTRICAL

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BALLOON RIDES

Rainbow Ryders

Official Balloon Ride Company

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RV RESERVATIONS

<http://www.balloonfiesta.com/rvs/>

Reservations for RV space at Balloon Fiesta Park will only be made online through the Balloon Fiesta RV link above. *Phone reservations will not be accepted.*

The following information is provided as a convenience for you. AIBF is not affiliated with these companies and no endorsement is intended.

TENTS

If you need to order a tent for your exhibit space, AIBF contracts with Choura Events. They can be reached at 310-320-6200.

PROPANE

If you need propane, tanks will be provided by the AIBF-selected supplier. The propane supplier will bill you directly for propane use. AIBF will supply propane for Corporate Village patio heaters. To order, contact a Sponsorship Team representative.

COLD AIR INFLATABLES - *A separate agreement with AIBF must be signed!*

Please contact a sponsorship team member.

SECURITY – Additional security can be arranged through the AIBF Event Safety office. Please contact SecurEvent Solutions at the number below to determine costs and availability.

Josh Field

SecurEvent Solutions

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PARKING

Regardless of your sponsorship, parking passes are included in your package. Additional parking passes may be purchased at the Sponsor Information Center or by completing the sponsor Additional Items Form and returning it prior to the event. All nine-day parking passes have maps on the reverse side to help you locate the route you must take for your parking. Keep in mind that weekend and evening sessions are busier than weekday morning events, so plan your trip accordingly. **Please note that simply having a certain type of parking pass is not a guarantee of a parking space being available. Plan to arrive at the Park no later than 4:30am for morning sessions, and 4:00pm for evening sessions. If you arrive after the recommended times, we cannot ensure the availability of parking.**

FIRST AID

The Lovelace Health System First Aid Center is adjacent to the Event Safety Center, located east of Main Street behind booth space #85. Lovelace Health System emergency medical professionals provide on-site emergency medical care for problems ranging from minor scrapes to heart attacks.

SECURITY

Police and Security Officers are on the field for your protection. In the event you need assistance and cannot locate an officer, please go to the Event Safety building, located east of Main Street behind booth space #85. The Event Safety compound is manned 24 hours a day during Balloon Fiesta. AIBF assumes no liability for damages caused by theft, vandalism, weather conditions, etc.

SAFETY TIPS

1. Limit alcohol consumption. You're at a mile-high altitude, which increases alcohol's effect.
2. Dress in layers. It's sometimes very cool in the morning, but after sunrise, it will warm up.
3. Bring sunscreen. You're at a high altitude and at risk of sunburn.
4. Bring appropriate eye protection. Sun and wind can damage your eyes on sunny or windy days.
5. Don't smoke anywhere near the balloons. A lit cigarette can ignite a balloon's propane fuel tank or melt the envelope's fabric. Smoking is Prohibited inside Balloon Fiesta Park by city ordinance.
6. Choose a place to meet in case someone gets separated. Make sure children carry identification.
7. Don't "drive and watch" at the same time.
8. Watch where you're walking. Beware of vehicles moving around the field, especially emergency vehicles needing to get through the crowd.
9. Bring a flashlight for evening events.
10. Take note of where you have parked your car – it's more difficult to find in the dark.

RULES, REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

Alcoholic Beverages, Intoxicants – Except in approved Corporate Village areas, Sponsor shall not use or bring to Balloon Fiesta Park grounds any alcoholic beverages or any other intoxicants.

Cleaning of Exhibit Area – Keep your area and the area immediately surrounding your space in a neat and clean condition. We appreciate your help in enhancing the appearance of Balloon Fiesta Park.

Fire Lanes - The Exhibit area is not accessible by vehicle from 5:30 to 10:00 am, or 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Parking is prohibited on all fire lanes. Vehicles that are left on fire lanes will be towed at the owner's expense and entry privileges to Balloon Fiesta Park will be revoked.

Fire Extinguishers - Each tent will be equipped with at least one hand-held fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A:10BC. Such extinguisher will be currently inspected and tagged showing its annual servicing.

Gambling, Games – Raffles and other activities involving money for “chance” are prohibited.

Handicap Accessibility – Special parking and restroom facilities are provided at Balloon Fiesta Park. Courtesy carts are available for transportation from specific stops in Balloon Fiesta Park to designated handicap parking lots. Courtesy carts are designated with signage. Balloon Fiesta Park is over 360 acres with the launch field consisting of more than 80 acres (approximately 54 football fields). Scooters and wheelchairs are available for rent.

Noise – Operation of sound equipment, sound movies, bullhorns, televisions, radios, etc. shall not be permitted when AIBF, in its sole discretion, determines such operation is obnoxious or encroaches upon the rights of others. Equipment or displays causing excessive noise will not be permitted.

Pets – Pets are not allowed in Balloon Fiesta Park; however trained and registered service animals are allowed. According to NMSA 1978 Section 28-11-6, emotional support animals are not considered service animals.

Smoking – Smoking is prohibited inside Balloon Fiesta Park by city ordinance.

Vehicle Access – No sleeping or staying overnight is allowed on the Launch Field or in Parking, Concession or Corporate Village areas. If a vehicle is to be left in any of these areas, prior arrangements must be made with Public Safety and access to the vehicle must be granted. Failure to abide by these terms and conditions may result in immediate dismissal from current Balloon Fiesta sessions, or any future events.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who organizes the Balloon Fiesta®?

Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, Inc. organizes the Balloon Fiesta each year. It is a *nonprofit organization* with 20 full-time staff members. Hundreds of volunteers also assist with Balloon Fiesta.

When should I arrive at Balloon Fiesta Park?

Crowds for some of our sessions may reach 80,000 people, so plan to arrive sooner rather than later. On weekend mornings we recommend you arrive at the Park by 4:30am (Gates open at 4:30am). For evening sessions, try to be at the Park by 4:00pm (Gates open at 3:30pm)

Where do we stand to watch the balloons?

Because of our 53+ year safety record, we are one of the only aviation events where you are actually able to walk among the balloons and talk to the pilots. We are a hands-on event, but *please* be courteous and walk around the balloons when they are laid out on the ground.

Are pets allowed at Balloon Fiesta Park?

Pets – No, however, trained and registered service animals are allowed. According to NMSA 1978 Section 28-11-6, emotional support animals are not considered service animals.

Is smoking allowed at Balloon Fiesta Park?

Smoking is not allowed on the Launch Field.

Are large packages and backpacks allowed at the park?

Yes, but all packages and backpacks are subject to search upon entering the Park.

Is Balloon Fiesta Park handicap accessible?

Yes, we have handicap parking available as well as scooters and wheelchairs available for rent. There are also designated courtesy guest carts that run behind the Concession tents on the east side of the Launch Field.

How long does it take for the balloons to launch?

It should take less than 2 hours to launch the balloons.

Do balloons fly in the evening?

No, the balloons are inflated then tethered in a static display after sunset so their burners will illuminate the envelopes. Please check the Event Schedule for evening session dates and times.

How many acres is Balloon Fiesta Park?

Balloon Fiesta Park is over 360 acres, with the Launch Field more than 80 acres – about the size of 54 football fields.

Are there ATM machines located at Balloon Fiesta Park?

ATM machines are located at the south end of Main Street.

Is there seating available at Balloon Fiesta Park?

Yes, a limited number of picnic tables are available on the east side of the Launch Field as well as bleacher seating on the west side of the Launch Field. Guests are also welcome to bring chairs to Balloon Fiesta Park.

What should I wear?

Temperatures in the morning may be as low as 40 degrees Fahrenheit, warming up to about 70 degrees by noon. Bring a jacket and dress in layers. Remember to wear comfortable walking shoes and bring sunscreen.

Is there Security at Balloon Fiesta Park?

Police Officers and Security Officers are on the field for your protection. In the event you need assistance and cannot locate a security officer, please go to the Public Safety building, located east of booth space #85. The Public Safety building is manned 24 hours a day.

AIBF assumes no liability for damages caused by theft, vandalism, weather conditions, etc.

What are the dates of future Balloon Fiestas?

2027: October 2-10

2028: October 7-15

2029: October 6-14

EXHIBITORS AND PRODUCT SAMPLING

Product Sampling booths are 10' x 10' tents or spaces located on the west side of Main Street, directly across from the concessions. They are used to distribute information and/or samples of your company's products to Balloon Fiesta guests. Each booth is furnished with one table, two chairs, artificial turf, a ceiling fan with light, electricity and a fire extinguisher. An 8' tent banner is also provided.

No distribution of pamphlets and/or other printed materials is permitted outside your Product Sampling booth. Business solicitations/demonstrations must be confined exclusively to registered Exhibitors in their exhibit space.

No Product Sampling Booth or Exhibitor shall assign, sublet or share the whole or any part of the space allocated.

Exhibit Spaces have varying sizes, depending on the exhibit. When negotiating your contract, please discuss your parking and admission needs with your Sponsor Team member. Any additional passes needed outside of the contract must be paid for at the time of receipt. If your exhibit is self-contained, great! If you need a tent for your exhibit, only white "Legends" or "Pagoda" style tents with peaks are permitted. Choura Events, 310-320-6200, is our official tent company.

EXHIBIT OPERATING TIMES

AM SESSIONS: 4:30am - 10:00am

PM SESSIONS: 4:00pm - 9:00pm

These are the minimum hours that your space needs to be staffed. Staffing from 10:00am to 4:00pm is at your discretion. **We suggest you plan to be on site no later than 4:00am and 3:30pm.**

MOVE-IN DATES / PROCEDURES

Move in can begin as early as Monday through Friday preceding the start of Balloon Fiesta. Balloon Fiesta runs the first through the second weekend of October. Notify your Sponsor Team member one hour prior to set up so arrangements can be made to make your set-up as smooth as possible. *Main Street at Balloon Fiesta Park is closed to vehicles beginning the Friday prior to Opening Day.*

MOVE-OUT DATES / TIMES / PROCEDURES

Move out can begin as early as 12 noon – 5:00pm on the final Sunday of Balloon Fiesta, and 9:00am - 5:00pm on the Monday through Wednesday following Balloon Fiesta.

All belongings and trash must be removed from your exhibit space.

- Any exhibit that has trash remaining after move-out could forfeit future invitations to exhibit.
- Any merchandise or booth material remaining in the tent is subject to being removed at the owner's risk.
- Balloon Fiesta is not responsible for loss or damage of property.

SIGNAGE

For Product Sampling booths only, Balloon Fiesta will produce a banner with your company name. These banners are placed on the flagpoles on the top front of your tent.

- Handwritten signs are not acceptable.
- No sign may block the view of neighboring exhibits.
- AIBF is not responsible for any signage placed by Sponsors.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

As a Product Sampling Booth or Exhibitor, you must provide a certificate of insurance including a minimum of \$1,000,000 liability insurance and name AIBF as an additional insured by **September 1st**.

ELECTRICITY

No Generators are allowed except with prior written authorization from AIBF.

Electricity is available for all Product Sampling booths and most Exhibit spaces. Please note the maximum amount of electricity you'll be allowed in your contract. Please make sure you have adequate extension cords to support your electrical needs. Code Enforcement inspectors require that only **“outdoor rated”** cords be used. Any additional electrical services that you order will be at your expense and will be billed by AIBF's electrical contractor to your account.

PRODUCT DISTRIBUTION

The sale, distribution or display of the following items is *strictly prohibited*:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Baseball caps
- Balloon postcards
- Balloon rides
- Calendars
- Jackets
- Posters
- Shirts (of any kind – tees, golf, sweats, etc.)
- AIBF programs or any official AIBF products without a separate written agreement from AIBF.
- Glow products of any configuration, light swords, light sticks, children's lighted head gear (i.e., “ears”, “horns”, “antennae”, etc.) of fiber optic lighted novelties.

- Any product in conflict with any Sponsor's exclusive right to sell or promote their product to include but not limited to the following:
 - Dairy products – Creamland Dairy
 - Soft drinks, water, juice, etc. – Coca Cola
- Weapons (including knives over 4" blade length), any item that may be used as a projectile, or one that is deemed dangerous by Event/Public Safety personnel
- Religious or political paraphernalia

Any product(s) not specifically approved of in your Balloon Fiesta Sponsorship Agreement is also prohibited.

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE MANDATORY FIRE CODES

General Fire Safety

1. Each and every tent, booth, structure, concession vehicle area or section, shall have available at least one hand-held fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A:10BC. Such extinguisher shall be *currently inspected and be tagged showing its annual servicing*.
2. **Sidewalls, drops, and tops of all tents, canopies, and temporary membrane structures** shall meet "**State of California Fire Marshal's Office**" certified fire-retardant construction as per Section 2404.2 of the IFC. No other type of canopy/tent will be allowed.
3. Vegetation, straw, hay, wood chips, bark or other similar combustible materials shall not be used as flooring material cover in any vendor, display or assembly area.
4. Decorative material shall be of non-combustible type **or shall be made "Flame Retardant" in accordance with the fire code.**
5. Firebreaks that are erected in each row of tents or structures shall be kept free of any material(s) at all times.
6. Fire lanes shall be kept clear of vehicles during hours of operation.
7. Parking of motor vehicles or anything with an internal combustion engine shall not be closer than thirty (30) feet to any tent, booth or structure.
 NOTE: Vehicles may be used for storage only if the vehicle is not moved or the engine is not started for the duration of the event. Vehicles are not to be located within the tent. Fuel tanks shall be sealed, be no more than ¼ tank full, or hold no more than five (5) gallons. One battery cable shall be disconnected. Concrete barriers will be placed behind the vendor row after the first day of the Balloon Fiesta in order to seal in any parked vehicles used for storage.
8. At least one "NO SMOKING" sign shall be posted in each booth or area. Signs shall be posted in areas conspicuous to the public.
9. **Only approved and listed UL, FM, or NRTL three wire extension cords will be allowed to be used.** Frayed, broken, cracked or taped insulation will not be acceptable. Multi-plug adapters shall not be used, but "strip plugs" with their own circuit breakers may be used. Voltage drops must be considered with length of extension cord and wire gauge used.

Cooking and L.P. Gas (Propane)

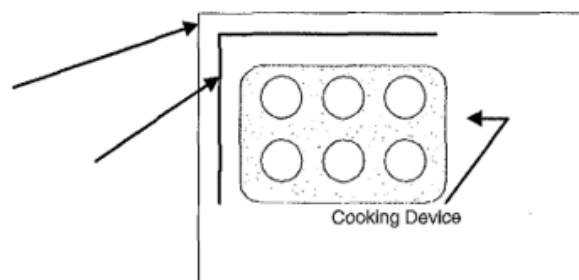
NOTE: All items from preceding section also apply.

1. There is no natural gas available in the Exhibit areas. The use of propane gas will be allowed. There shall be No Smoking allowed in the area between temporary structure and jersey barriers and within 15 feet of propane tanks behind vendor row.
2. Any areas used for cooking products that produce grease-laden vapors shall meet the minimum extinguisher requirement for each booth or space of a 2A:10BC. **In addition**, a currently inspected and tagged for service “**Type K**” wet chemical extinguisher shall be available in cooking areas.
3. L.P. Gas supply shall be handled by certified L.P. Gas personnel only. Suppliers shall provide a 124-gallon maximum capacity tank for each food vendor stand. Connections may manifold to supply additional cooking or heating devices within that particular food vendor stand if in compliance with NFPA 58, and Chapter 38 of the IFC. No independent, privately owned tanks shall be in use, except on auxiliary units, such as approved L.P. Gas tent heaters. Balloon Fiesta shall be responsible for arranging the proper placement of tanks. **NOTE: Refilling of tanks is permitted only during non-session hours.**
4. **L.P. Gas (propane) must be shut off at the supply during times when the tent is not occupied.**
5. Any hose used to pipe L.P. Gas to a device shall be UL or FM listed specifically for LP Gas service. All couplings, fittings, and any other devices shall meet the requirements for LP Gas Service as outlined in the International Fuel Gas Code, NFPA 58 and NFPA 54, or be deemed unapproved and removed from service.
6. **All cooking appliances shall be listed and approved. All deep-frying shall be conducted in a listed and approved deep fryer.**
7. All appliances used in food booths must have an accessible shut-off valve near the appliance that can be easily closed in case of emergency.
8. Gas burning equipment in enclosed areas shall be vented to the outside air by means of a flue or vent approved for use with the type of equipment used in such a manner that no portion of the tent or structure is within twelve (12) inches of the flue or vent.
9. A minimum clear space of three (3) feet shall be allowed between any heat producing device and combustible material(s), except as noted below:
A heat producing device may be installed within three (3) feet if the walls of the structure in which it is installed have a minimum 5/8 type X gypsum board, or the device has 5/8 type X gypsum board on both sides closest to the tent or temporary membrane structure and a minimum of thirty-six (36) inches above the heated surface of the device.

Cooking and L.P. Gas (Propane)

EXAMPLE

5/8" sheetrock
wall of tent or structure
minimum 3 ft. clearance or
5/8" sheetrock secured in place
both exposed sides



10. The owner or operator shall check the LP Gas, devices or appliance upon “setting up” and then whenever changes, adjustments or refills occur. This can be done with soapy water sprayed on valves, fittings, etc.
11. Toxic, explosive or flammable gases shall not be permitted in any booth or tent. Flammable liquids shall not be used at any time.

The above requirements are excerpts from the City of Albuquerque Fire Code, Ordinance No. 0-2005-034, and are **LAW**. Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the citing, closure or removal of the operation from Balloon Fiesta site by authorities.

The City of Albuquerque has adopted the Fire Code into Ordinance 0-2005-034 in order for the Albuquerque Fire Department to prescribe minimum standards regulating conditions hazardous to life and property from fire and explosion within the city. **The Fire Department’s Fire Marshal’s Office shall contact and inspect all occupancies (buildings, businesses, facilities, tents, booths, temporary membrane structures, etc.)** to determine compliance with the requirements of the Fire Code.

The Fire Department shall collect fees for each inspection of an occupancy required to obtain a permit according to Chapter 1 Section 105 of the 2003 International Fire Code. The inspection fee schedule is as follows: an initial inspection for a permit will be based on square footage; no fee for the first required re-inspection; thereafter, each additional re-inspection is \$60.00 until your facility is operating in compliance with the Fire Code. It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to use a building or premises or engage in any activities for which a permit is required by the Fire Code without having first obtained such permit as required by the provision of the Fire Code. If there are any questions regarding these items, please feel free to contact the Fire Marshal's Office at (505) 764-6300 during regular business hours.

CORPORATE VILLAGE

The following information should be helpful if your sponsorship includes a **Fiesta Tent**, **Fiesta Deck** or a **Corporate Tent**.

Fiesta Tents, Fiesta Deck, Corporate Tents and the Sponsor Hospitality Area are collectively known as Corporate Village. Corporate Village is located at the far south end of the launch field at Balloon Fiesta Park. Fiesta Tents are the first six tents on the east side and the two tents east of the Gondola club, beginning just west of Main Street. Corporate Tents make up the remainder of the tent spaces, with the Sponsor Hospitality building located near the center of the south end of the launch field.

Fiesta and Corporate Hospitality Tents are 40’ x 20’ tents with approximately 40’ x 40’ patios. Your patio area will have twelve (12) 48” round tables with six (6) chairs at each table. Inside the tent, for your caterer’s use, will be four (4) 8’ tables. All tables include clean linen. Each Fiesta Tent will also have two (2) heaters and two (2) trash cans. One (1) trash can will be located in the patio area, and one (1) will be at the patio entrance because food and drinks are not allowed to leave the Corporate Village area. Each tent will be equipped with at least one hand-held fire extinguisher with a rating of 2A:10BC. Such extinguisher shall be currently inspected and tagged showing its annual servicing. **If you**

are not satisfied with the condition of your Fiesta Tent before your event, please visit the Sponsor Information Center, located in Corporate Village. Sponsor Representatives will be visiting your Fiesta Tent to make sure everything is in good order.

Fiesta Deck area will have four (4) – 8’ catering tables, one (1) bar, six (6) 36” bar table tops, seventeen (17) – 48” round tables, and one hundred two (102) chairs in deck area. There will also be two (2) out-door patio seating groupings and eight (8) Adirondack style chairs, three (3) Patio Heaters. Electricity (maximum of four (4) 120-volt 20-amp outlets) will be provided. Sponsor is responsible for furnishing extension cords. Extension cords must be no less than 14 gauge molded “outdoor rated”. Please note that water is NOT available. Tablecloths are also included. Fiesta Deck Entry is from the outside southeast stairwell only. Access is NOT available to restrooms inside Sponsor Hospitality. Catering is NOT included. Also included are six (6) Corporate Village Parking passes valid for your session only, fifty (50) General Admission Passes valid for single, one (1) time use, and twenty-five (25) General Parking Passes valid for single, one (1) time use. Your guest count cannot exceed 100 guests in the morning or 300 guests in the evening. There will be personalized wristbands to admit your guests to the Fiesta Deck. PLEASE NOTE: These wristbands allow entry onto the Fiesta Deck. They do not include admission or parking. All guests must have admission tickets to enter Balloon Fiesta Park. Children 12 and younger who are accompanied by an adult are not required to pay a fee for admission to the Park and do not need a wristband for entrance to your patio area. Admission and parking tickets can only be purchased at a discount through the sponsorship sales team.

If you will be serving alcohol in your hospitality tent (Fiesta Deck, Tent or Corporate Tent) you must name AIBF as an additional insured and provide a certificate of \$1,000,000 “host liability” insurance prior to the start of Balloon Fiesta no later than September 1st. (This coverage is probably included in your basic insurance policy.)

Each Hospitality Tent will have One (1) 120-volt 20-amp outlet per 20’ frontage. Please make sure you have adequate extension cords to support your electrical needs. Code Enforcement inspectors require that no less than 14 gauge molded “**outdoor rated**” extension cords be used.

When you rent a Fiesta Tent for a session, Balloon Fiesta will provide signage with your company name. This signage is then placed on a flag stand in the patio area of your tent before your session. This allows your guests to see which tent your company is occupying. Each Fiesta Tent has a number on the back, or south side, of the tent. This is to enable your caterer to identify your tent. **Your caterer must know which tent you will be occupying.** A confirmation letter will be sent to you with this information in September. Corporate Tent sponsors will have their company names on the back of their tents and on the flag stand in their patio area.

Included in your Fiesta Tent or Corporate Tent sponsorship is a number of “guest wristbands” or Corporate Village buttons. These wristbands or buttons allow your guests entry into your tent area. **Please note that neither a wristband nor a button is valid for parking or admission to the Park.**

Any additional tables and chairs required for your tent must be ordered from our official tent/equipment supplier, Choura Events, at 310-320-6200. Orders after

August 1st may incur a late fee. Charges for additional tables and chairs must be paid to the tent provider at time of order with a credit card. Please do not remove furnishings from other tents or patios.

Admission to Fiesta Tent and Corporate Tent Hospitality Areas:

Guests will be admitted to Corporate Village only upon presentation of a wristband identifying them as an invited guest. Fiesta Tent sponsorship contracts include 150 wristbands for each tent rented; however, up to 50 more may be requested at no charge. Please keep in mind the seating capacity of your tent when ordering additional wristbands. Children twelve (12) and under accompanied by an adult do not require a wristband for entry.

Note: Guest wristbands and/or buttons are not valid for parking or admission to Balloon Fiesta Park.

PLEASE ADVISE YOUR GUESTS THAT EARLY ARRIVAL IS ESSENTIAL! We recommend that your guests be on the field by 4:30 am for morning sessions and 4:00 pm for evening sessions.

Parking in the lots south of your Hospitality Tent area requires a Corporate Village Parking “B” Pass. The reverse side of the Corporate Village Parking Pass contains both a map and written directions for accessing the lot. After crossing over the bridge into the parking area, you should make an immediate right turn to park. **Any** vehicle other than Official Chase Vehicles north of the Corporate Village tents (on the Launch Field side of the tents) will be towed at owner’s expense.

Transit Bus Pass passengers must have an admission ticket to enter Balloon Fiesta Park. Guest wristbands and/or buttons are not valid for admission to Balloon Fiesta Park.

CATERING & RELATED

CATERERS

AIBF does not have a “preferred caterer” for Corporate Village. You may contract with a catering company provided they comply with AIBF rules for caterers. *Please note all Corporate Village caterers must register with Balloon Fiesta.* We must know the name of your catering company, date and session it will be catering and the size of its catering vehicle. Because of space constraints, Balloon Fiesta may be required to limit the number, location and size of catering vehicles and facilities. All catering vehicles require an AIBF designated Parking Pass. One of the two Corporate Village Parking Passes valid for your session (specified in your contract) must be provided to your caterer.

SIGNAGE AND DECORATIONS

AIBF will provide and install a sign with your company’s name in your patio area. Any other signage that contains the name or logo of any entity or product must not be legible from outside your tent and patio.

CLEAN-UP

- The use of glass bottles or glassware on the grass areas of Balloon Fiesta Park is **prohibited** both because of the danger of broken glass and the difficulty of

removing bottle caps. Bottle caps hidden in the grass cause major problems with the City's mowing equipment.

- It is ***mandatory*** that your tent and surrounding areas be left in just as good shape as you found them with the exception of reasonable wear and tear. *All trash must be picked up and removed from the tent and patio area. You are responsible for the removal of all food and equipment prior to leaving the Park. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the assessment of a \$500 cleaning fee.*
- Balloon Fiesta will make sure that your tent area and tables are clean before your event, however, we do not do any cleaning of tables during the event. Since your tent is your private area during each event, there will be no trash pickup service inside your tent or patio area. *Trash bags will be supplied, and when trash cans are full, please remove the bag, tie it shut and place it behind your tent for pickup.* If you find that you do not have a sufficient number of trash bags, please notify a Sponsor Representative in the Sponsor Information Center and they will assist you.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE GUIDELINES

Should you wish to include beer, wine, liquor, or other alcoholic beverages at your event, it is ***mandatory*** that arrangements be made with the exclusive liquor vendor at Balloon Fiesta Park: Fiesta's Restaurant. Fiesta's Restaurant has agreed to assist AIBF with overseeing alcohol consumption, service, and sales during this year's event, including arrangements for necessary permits. The vendor's contact information is listed below.

Amber Carpenter
505.270.9443
Fiesta's Restaurant
carpenteramber01@gmail.com

- Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed or served at your event except as agreed and arranged with Fiesta's Restaurant, and subject to all conditions that Fiesta's Restaurant requires for such consumption and service. Failure to abide by this requirement will result in AIBF requiring the sponsor and its guests to leave Balloon Fiesta Park and all AIBF-controlled locations.
- Arrangements may be made through Fiesta's Restaurant for consumption/service of alcoholic beverages during events on all nine days of Balloon Fiesta, including Sundays.
- In addition to Fiesta's Restaurant's conditions for consumption and service of alcohol at events in Corporate Village, the following conditions apply:
 - No alcohol may be sold or purchased in Corporate Village.
 - You may not advertise the inclusion of alcohol in your event or impose a cover charge for alcohol service.
 - Alcohol service may not start before 7:00 a.m.
 - Alcohol service will be limited to your invited guests only.
 - Minors may not serve, possess or consume alcohol.
 - Intoxicated persons may not possess or consume alcohol.
 - No alcohol may be removed from your tent and patio area.

- **You must name both AIBF AND Fiesta's Restaurant and Lounge as additional insureds on a policy of insurance providing "host liability" coverage and provide a certificate of insurance evidencing \$1,000,000.00 in such coverage for each entity. The certificates should be provided prior to the start of Balloon Fiesta, no later than September 1st. (This coverage is probably included in your basic insurance policy.)**

ICE

It is strongly suggested that your caterer provide any ice they may need. AIBF will not be able to provide ice for your session.

FIRE LANES

The Fire Lane (Pedestrian Walkway) behind the Corporate Village tents may be used only to load and unload your vehicles; however, this area is not accessible from 6:00am - 10:00am or 5:00pm - 9:00pm. **Parking is prohibited on all fire lanes.** Vehicles that are left on the fire lanes for an extended period or that cause traffic problems for other vehicles will be towed at owner's expense and entry privileges to Balloon Fiesta Park will be revoked.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY

Special parking and restroom facilities are provided at Balloon Fiesta Park. Courtesy carts are available for transportation from specific stops in Balloon Fiesta Park to designated handicap parking lots. Courtesy carts are designated with signage. Balloon Fiesta Park is over 360 acres with the launch field consisting of more than eighty acres (approximately 54 football fields). Scooters and wheelchairs are available for rent.

GOLF CARTS

If your contract includes a golf cart, it will be available for pick up at the northwest corner of BFP, Westwind and Cutter Road in the "W" lot – Gate NY3 the two (2) days prior to Balloon Fiesta: Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm and Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm. Before being issued a key, sponsors must sign a form assuming financial responsibility for any damage to the golf cart and agreeing to certain operating rules.

If you are unable to pick up your golf cart on Thursday or Friday, please contact your Sponsor Representative.

Sponsors are responsible for keeping their golf carts filled with gas. For your convenience, gas for carts registered with Balloon Fiesta can be obtained (free of charge) at the northwest corner of the launch field, Monday-Friday, 11:00am – 1:00pm.

Golf cart drop off will be on the final Sunday of Balloon Fiesta at the northwest corner of BFP, Westwind and Cutter Road in the "W" lot – Gate NY3. Golf Cart drop off will begin as soon as all balloons have launched. **All golf carts including locks and associated keys must be returned by 10 am.**

The use of golf carts at Balloon Fiesta Park is not allowed unless the vehicle is registered with AIBF and has the current AIBF sticker displayed. All operators must be at least 16 years old and possess a valid driver's license, insurance and an AIBF issued permit.

Operators are expected to operate golf carts in a responsible manner at all times or golf cart privileges will be revoked. Scooters and all-terrain vehicles are not allowed.

BALLOON SPONSORSHIPS

A Balloon sponsorship – bannered, commercial or non-profit – is a wonderful way to participate in Balloon Fiesta! Your balloon may fly in all events during Balloon Fiesta that are scheduled for standard shape hot air balloons. If your sponsored balloon is a special shape, it may also fly in events designed exclusively for special shape balloons.

If you are sponsoring a bannered balloon, AIBF will assist you in purchasing your banner. If needed, a balloon and pilot will be located to fly your banner, and banner measurements will be determined to best fit the balloon. We will need a picture (vector art file in one of the following formats: .eps or .pdf with CYMK color profile) of your company logo. After acquiring a price quote, we will send you, via email, a copy of the banner and price quote for your approval. **No banner will be produced without your written approval.** Purchasing a banner is a one-time expense. The banner belongs to your company and may be flown in as many Balloon Fiestas as you like, as long as a contract is signed, and the sponsorship fee is paid for the applicable Balloon Fiesta. **PLEASE NOTE: The pilot chosen to display your banner may be a competition pilot and, if so, may launch outside of Balloon Fiesta Park on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday morning(s) and attempt to fly into the Park.**

Commercial balloon sponsorships require that the sponsorship contract be signed, and the fee is paid. The balloon and pilot will register through the normal registration process for pilots. All pilots of sponsored balloons shall receive a pilot jacket.

SPONSOR JACKETS

Sponsor jackets may be personalized with your company name or logo if the Sponsor Information and Jacket Order Form is completed and received by Balloon Fiesta by the date specified on the Jacket Order Form. Additional sponsor jackets may be ordered prior to the event at a cost of \$200.00 per jacket with no additional charge for personalization. These additional orders will be filled based on availability.

CONTACTING YOUR PILOT

In early September, you will receive a letter from Balloon Fiesta with information about your pilot. Your pilot will also receive a similar letter with your information. You will be given contact information so that you are able to get in touch with him or her prior to the event to discuss your rides and set up a time and place to meet. *It is the sponsor's responsibility to make arrangements for their rides.*

BALLOON RIDES

Your Balloon Sponsorship benefits include two balloon rides (1 person = 1 ride). If you need additional rides, our official balloon ride company is Rainbow Ryders, (505) 823-1111 or (800) 725-2477. You may also email rainbowryders@rainbowryders.com or visit www.rainbowryders.com. Balloon Fiesta guests who will receive a balloon ride from the Official Balloon Ride Concessionaire will be asked to sign a release and disclaimer of

liability at the time of their ride. The release and disclaimer will be similar to the one at the end of this manual.

SPONSOR HOSPITALITY PASSES

One of the benefits of your sponsorship is receiving passes to the Sponsor Hospitality Area. The pass allows the holder entry into the area for complimentary food and beverages during each session of the event.

A breakfast buffet is served from 5:30am to 8:30am and mid-morning snacks are served from 9:30am - 11:00pm. An evening buffet is served from 5:00pm - 8:00pm. The bar service hours are 7:00am - 11:00am and again from 5:00pm - 8:30pm. The Sponsor Hospitality area is not open on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings.

A balloon sponsorship normally includes two of these passes. Please note that one pass admits one person per session. All guests six (6) years or older must have a pass to enter. If needed, sponsors may purchase additional all session adult passes for \$400 each or single session passes for \$50 each. Weekly child passes are \$100 each and single session child passes are \$25 each. Sponsor pilots also receive two (2) weekly passes to the area. These passes are not available to the general public.

**ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA
FLIGHT CREW MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND RELEASE**

FLIGHT CREW:

I have been selected as flight crew aboard the hot air balloon Registration: _____ piloted by _____.

The Pilot in Command (PIC) has briefed me regarding my duties and responsibilities as a crew member in a hot air balloon flight.

RISKS OF BALLOONING: I understand that participating in a hot air balloon flight is a potentially hazardous activity. There are risks, both known and unanticipated, inherent in hot air ballooning. Such risks could lead to injury, paralysis, or death. By participating in a hot air balloon flight, I will be exposed to risks including but not limited to: damage to or loss of personal property; arrest for trespassing or other violations of the law; capsize of basket or other vehicle; collision with obstacles on the ground or in the air; accident or illness in remote locations without immediate access to medical facilities; immersion in water; hypothermia; falling from the balloon while on the ground or in the air; fire or flames; temperature extremes or inclement weather; slipping, tripping, or falling; harm from failure of equipment even when properly used; and my negligence or the negligence of Fiesta visitors, participants, pilots, or other persons. I understand that it is impossible for the PIC or Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, Inc. (AIBF) to guarantee my safety. I understand that safety risks cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity of hot air ballooning.

I share responsibility for safety during the flight, and I accept this responsibility. I agree to comply with instructions and directions from the PIC and the PIC's personnel before, during, and after the flight. I am responsible for assessing my fitness, alertness, and the limits of my abilities. I have no present medical or mental health condition that would render me unable to operate a hot air balloon in a safe manner or unable to participate in a hot air balloon flight.

I therefore certify under penalty of perjury to the truth of the following statements.

1. **ASSUMPTION OF RISKS:** I understand the risks of hot air ballooning, and I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume those risks, inherent and otherwise, whether or not described in this document, including that I may be injured by another person or organization's negligence. My participation is purely voluntary; I understand that I have the right to terminate my participation at any time. I elect to participate despite the risks.

2. **RELEASE:** I, on behalf of my family, heirs, assigns, personal representative, and estate, and as a condition of participating as a crewmember in Balloon Fiesta, hereby voluntarily RELEASE the PIC, AIBF, 2025 Balloon Fiesta sponsors, and launch and landing site owners, including the Sandia Pueblo, and their respective employees, volunteers, sponsors, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns from all liability and any claims, demands, or causes of action arising from my participation as a crewmember in a hot air balloon flight, including any physical or other injury to me or my property caused by the negligence of any person or organization.

3. **COMMITMENT TO SAFETY:** I shall under no circumstances act as a required pilot flight crewmember while I know or have reason to know of any medical or mental health condition that would make me unable to operate the aircraft in a safe manner.

(Sample – 2025 Waiver)

FLIGHT CREW MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND RELEASE

PILOT:

I acknowledge that the foregoing individuals are members of my flight crew; that I have briefed them as outlined above; and that I have reviewed the risks of ballooning described herein. I certify under penalty of perjury to the truth of the following statements:

1. **ASSUMPTION OF RISKS:** I understand the risks of hot air ballooning, and expressly agree and promise to accept and assume the risks, inherent and otherwise, whether or not described in this document, including that I may be injured by another person or organization's negligence. My participation is purely voluntary; I understand that I have the right to terminate my participation at any time. I elect to participate despite the risks.
2. **RELEASE:** I, on behalf of my family, heirs, assigns, personal representative, and estate, and as a condition of participating as a pilot in Balloon Fiesta, hereby voluntarily RELEASE AIBF, 2025 Balloon Fiesta sponsors, and launch and landing site owners, including the Sandia Pueblo, and their respective employees, volunteers, sponsors, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns from all liability and any claims, demands, or causes of action arising from my participation as a crewmember in a hot air balloon flight, including any physical or other injury cause by the negligence of any person or organization.
3. **COMMITMENT TO SAFETY:** I shall under no circumstances act as a pilot while I know or have reason to know of any medical or mental health condition that would make me unable to operate the aircraft in a safe manner.

PILOT

Printed name

Signature

Date

FLIGHT CREW SIGNATURES:

_____ Signature	_____ Date	_____ Signature	_____ Date
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(Sample – 2025 Waiver)