

The Villages[®] BALLOON²⁰¹⁹ Festival NEWS NEWSLETTER #3



FINAL PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY!

The Villages Balloon Festival is finally here – after almost a year of planning, the thrill and delight of balloons over The Villages[®] is upon us! All of the anticipation will culminate on May 31st with the opening of the gates for all attendees at 1:00pm!

Saturday and Sunday our gates will open at 6:30am with the hopes that the balloons will be flying each morning – weather permitting! Some of our food vendors will be open to take care of your early morning hunger pangs. The majority of our vendors will not open until 11am on Saturday and Sunday.

BALLOON PILOT MEET & GREET

Want to meet a real life balloon pilot? Your opportunity is right here! Saturday June 1 from 11am until noon, some of our balloon pilots will be available to meet with our attendees. Look for them at the north end of the ballooning field – under the small concrete structure. Bring your questions and cameras!



PHOTOGRAPHY

Great opportunities for photography will present themselves throughout the festival. Be certain to check out both of our coolest new opportunities for photos under the pavilion! Grab a quick shot in the “real” wicker balloon basket, or pose for an amazing automated selfie experience! Don't forget to use the hashtags **#thevillagesballoonfestival**, **#tvbf** and **#thevillagespoloclub**



TETHERED RIDES

Tethered balloon rides are your opportunity to actually go up in a balloon during the festival. All tethered rides are booked onsite directly with the balloon pilots – with no advance sales. Tethered rides are on a first come-first serve basis. Please come to the concrete structure at the north end of the ballooning field to sign up and purchase your tethered flight. These will be open just prior to the tethered rides scheduled times. Remember that these flights are weather dependent – so hope for favorable weather conditions!

