OHIO CHALLENGE HOT AIR BALLOON & SKYDIVING FESTIVAL

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Schedule of Events July 17-19, 2026

Friday, July 17

FEATURING

20+ Hot Air Balloons • Special Shape Balloons • Team Fastrax Skydiving • Kids Zone & Carnival Rides • Hot Air Balloon Tethered Rides • 350-Drone Light Show & Fireworks Spectacular • 50+ Food & Craft Vendors

5:00 PM	Gates Open
5:15 – 10:30 PM	Kids Zone & Inflatables sponsored by John XXIII Catholic School, Carnival Rides, CBI Kids Activities, Craft Vendors & Food Court
5:15 – 9:30 PM	Airplane Rides sponsored by Butler County Warbirds (at the airport gate)

Throughout the Evening: Live entertainment, interactive video board features, music, sponsor spotlights, contests, and guest engagement activities.

6:00 PM	Festival Kickoff & Welcome – Main Stage
6:20 PM	Team Fastrax American Flag Skydive
7:00 PM	Balloon Inflation Walk-Through Experience (“Fluff & Puff”)
7:00 – 10:30 PM	Hot Air Balloon Tethered Rides sponsored by Cronin Ford

Do Not Miss Tonight’s Featured Attractions

7:00 – 8:45 PM	Hot Air Balloon Launches featuring 20+ balloons
8:15 PM	Featured Special Shape Balloon Display sponsored by Meijer
8:30 PM	Team Fastrax Skydiving Demonstration
9:15 - 9:45 PM	Hot Air Balloon Glow Spectacular

GRAND FINALE

10:00 PM	**Team Fastrax Night Pyrotechnics Skydive** **Followed by the 350-Drone Light Show & Fireworks Spectacular**

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6:30– 8:30 AM	Competitive Balloon Flight featuring the Key Grab Competition at Smith Park Sponsored by Molson Coors
4:00 PM	Gates Open
4:00 – 8:00 PM	Car Show
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