

GRBR 2026 Proposed Pilot Schedule

Updated 08/26/26 - Subject to change

Wednesday, 9/9: Opening Events

3:00-5:00 PM - Pilot registration at the Peppermill Resort Casino, Sorrento Rooms

4-6:00 PM - Welcoming cocktails and dinner at the Peppermill Resort Casino, Capri Ballroom.

4:30 PM - Dawn Patrol Briefing

5:15 PM - Special announcements during the Welcome Party

6:00 PM - Competition Meeting

Daily Activities -Thursday to Sunday

Each day from Thursday through Sunday will follow a consistent schedule of activities, beginning early each morning.

- 5:00 AM—Super Glow Show
- 5:30 AM—Dawn Patrol
- 5:50 AM—RC Balloons
- 6:00 AM—Pilot Briefing
- 6:45 AM—Flag balloons standing
- 6:50 AM—National Anthem
- 7:00 AM—Start of Mass Launch operations and competition
- 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM—Propane Refueling
- 9:30 AM—Competition closes
- 10:30 AM—All flight operations cease, including tethering

Special Daily Activities

Certain special activities are scheduled throughout the event:

- Thursday and Friday, 9:30 AM -E.L. Cord Foundation Tissue Paper Balloon Launch
- Saturday, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM - Appreciation Tailgate Party at the Peavine Pavilion (if flights are cancelled; time may be adjusted)
- Sunday, 10:45 AM - Pilot Awards at the Peavine Pavillion (if flights are cancelled; time may be adjusted)