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Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival Announces Entertainment Lineup

Foley, AL (May 4, 2022) The South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce is excited to share the entertainment lineup for the 18th Annual Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival presented by Wolf Bay Restaurant. In addition to arts and crafts vendors, children's activities, hot air balloon rides and balloon glows to air-conditioned fun at Clash eSports or the Arcade at OWA, there will also be live entertainment at the OWA Island amphitheater all weekend.

Here is the lineup for the festival weekend:

Thursday, May 12

- 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm Festival open to the public
- 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Yeah, Probably
- 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm The Tip Tops
- 7:30 pm Balloon Glow begins

Friday, May 13

- 11:00 am to 10:00 pm Festival open to the public
- 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Gypsy Spark
- 11:00 am to 2:00 pm Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo at Meet and Greet Tent
- 1:15 pm to 1:30 pm Legends Sneak Peek
- 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm Jenna McClelland
- 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Interactive Hot Air Balloon Display (weather permitting)
- 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm Hot Air Balloon Pilots at Meet and Greet Tent
- 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Southern Approach
- 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Miss Alabama, Lauren Bradford at Meet and Greet Tent
- 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm 56 Low
- 7:30 pm Tethered Rides and Balloon Glow begin (weather permitting)
- 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm Miles Flatt Band

Saturday, May 14

- 11:00 am to 10:00 pm Festival open to the public
- 11:00 am to 2:00 pm Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo at Meet and Greet Tent
- 11:30 am to 11:45 am Legends Sneak Peek and National Anthem

- 12:00 pm to 12:45 pm Poarch Creek Pow Wow Club & Tribal Dancers
- 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm Mario Mena Band
- 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Interactive Hot Air Balloon Display (weather permitting)
- 2:30 pm to 2:45 pm Legends Sneak Peek
- 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm Hot Air Balloon Pilots at Meet and Greet Tent
- 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm DJ Tim Brown
- 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm Kirk Jay
- 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Miss Alabama, Lauren Bradford at Meet and Greet Tent
- 7:30 pm Tethered Rides and Balloon Glow begin (weather permitting)
- 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm Velcro Pygmies

It is important to note that hot air balloons are extremely weather dependent and flight/glow times may be delayed. Balloons are only visible at dusk and dawn, weather permitting.

Three off-site shuttle locations will be available at Tanger Outlets, Liberty Church and Irwin Square. Park off-site and ride the shuttle for free to beat the traffic! Shuttles run from 2:00 pm - 11:00 pm on Friday and from 12:00 pm - 11:00 pm on Saturday.

For the complete list of activities, visit <u>gulfcoastballoonfestival.com/schedule</u>. Follow, like and share the updates from the Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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About OWA Parks & Resort: Award-winning OWA Parks & Resort in Coastal Alabama is owned and operated by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. OWA's name is derived from a Creek word for "big water," and the tropical theme of the 520-acre property was inspired by the Gulf of Mexico, minutes away via the Foley Beach Express.

At the heart of OWA is Tropic Falls, which includes a 23-ride theme park, outdoor wave pool and the region's largest indoor water park—bigger than a football field and covered by a convertible roof. Just outside the ticketed areas is Downtown OWA. This pedestrian-only streetscape was inspired by Southern small towns and features numerous options for dining, shopping, and entertainment.

The destination resort offers a full calendar of events, from Downtown OWA's own Mardi Gras Parade to the annual Christmas tree lighting with fireworks and snowfall. With its own award-winning TownePlace Suites by Marriott, OWA is the place in Coastal Alabama to thrill, then chill.

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