



Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta 2022 Final Event Numbers

Final Numbers: Following are the official numbers for the 50th Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta held October 1-9, 2022.

- Total number of registered hot air balloons: 648
- Total number of registered special shape balloons: 118 (19 new to Balloon Fiesta)
- Total number of registered primary pilots: 648
- Total number of estimated guest-visits: 828,800
- Total number of media organizations: 158
- Total number of registered media representatives: 775
- Number of Balloon Fiesta Live Impressions: 1,640,602

Total numbers of countries represented (registered pilots): 20 - Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, United Kingdom, and United States.

Event Sessions: Eight of the 14 sessions were cancelled due to poor weather conditions and will count as rain check events (10/1 evening, 10/2 evening, 10/3 morning, 10/5 morning, 10/6 evening, 10/7 evening, 10/8 morning, and 10/8 evening).

America's Challenge: America's Challenge Gas Race was cancelled this year due to poor weather conditions.

Balloon Competition Winners: The first prize in the hot air overall competition was awarded to Alan Anderson of Nevada. Second overall highest score went to Rokas Kostiuskevicius of Lithuania and third to Nick Donner of Kentucky.

Navigators: There were 1,144 Navigators who volunteered during this year's event. Navigators (not including chase crew) are volunteers who provide guest services, administrative services, balloon coordination and safety, set-up and logistics, and more in over 40 different areas.

X Marks the Spot: Landowners picked up 600 X-Packs to mark their land as approved spots for balloonists to land during this year's event. There were also many white sheets that were displayed to indicate the land was open for landings.

Additional information about the 2022 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta can be found at www.balloonfiesta.com. The 51st Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta will be held October 7-15, 2023.