

Middletown's Annual Ohio Challenge Balloon Festival Includes Appearances by Team Fastrax

Middletown's Ohio Challenge Balloon Festival is July 12th - 14th, and is set to include several performances by the Team Fastrax skydivers. This includes their much anticipated pyrotechnic display, which is an amazing site to behold.

(Middletown, OH)

The event will be held July 12th through the 14th, in Middletown's Smith Park, which is adjacent to the Middletown Regional Airport. It has something fun for everyone, including hot air balloon rides, Murray Brothers Carnival, crafts, live music, and much more. Team Fastrax will be performing their pyrotechnic shows both nights, including several other exciting jumps throughout the day. Perhaps the most important jumps being the Gold Star Mom Tandems. "A Gold Star Mom is a Mother that lost her child in combat. They typically jump in honor of their child, and for Team Fastrax it is an honor to jump with them," said John Hart, Owner, of [Start Skydiving](#), and Member of Team Fastrax.

Friday night will be topped off with a special fireworks display, compliments of Start Skydiving. Come early and enjoy the entire day of fun, food and, of course, hot air balloons. Morning balloon flights are held on Saturday and Sunday mornings 7-10 am. Morning flights are free with on-site parking. The event ends after the Sunday morning flight.

The Middletown Balloon Festival (Ohio Challenge) has been a great family friendly event since its start in 2003. "We have been performing at this event for years", said John Hart. "Middletown is our home, and we love to do anything we can to support it. The sense of community within this festival is heartwarming. The Ohio Challenge is not just about hot air balloons, it's about connecting as a community. We hope everyone comes out and enjoys the weather, activities and time with one another. And don't forget to watch the fireworks Friday night presented by [StartSkydiving.com](#)."

Parking will be \$10 per vehicle, and available through the airport entrance. After parking, a shuttle will come by regularly to transport guests to the entrance to Smith Park. A trackless train will offer also rides from designated stops inside the park. There is a splash pad for cooling off, and dining tent where guests can get out of the sun. Bleacher seating will be in the stage area and guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Each evening of the festival includes a competitive hot air balloon launch.

Team Fastrax is sponsored by [Selection.com](#), a leading provider of criminal background checks and pre-employment screening services. They are the most ambitious professional skydiving team in the world. The team has a roster of more than twenty-nine active members, with a culmination of more than 300,000 skydives. [Team Fastrax](#) has performed exhibition skydives all over the world for audiences large and small as a patriotic display or as a product promotion.

For up to date information follow the plans at <http://www.ohiochallenge.com> or on Facebook and Twitter. Contact the event at 513-705-1770 or info@ohiochallenge.com.

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