



OFFICIAL FESTIVAL EVENT PROGRAM



AUGUST 17-23
LONG BEACH, WA

THE WASHINGTON STATE INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL (WSIKF) IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE WORLD KITE MUSEUM, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, WASHINGTON, AND WASHINGTON'S EVERGREEN COAST.

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As a gentle reminder, please be kind and patient with all of the event staff, volunteers, law enforcement, and parking attendants. We all are working very hard to make a great event for everyone and we thank you for visiting us!



The World Kite Museum is the only museum of its kind in North America, with 5,000 sq. ft. of exhibits. You'll discover kites from all over the world including Japan, China, Indonesia, and the United States of America, as well as a 1,000 sq. ft. gallery displaying the 35 winning posters from the last 40 years of the Washington State International Kite Festival.

Don't miss this fantastic showcase featuring a wide variety of kites, including a 3-D horse, hand painted samurai, a variety of animals and birds, box, bol and fighter kites, and more.

Besides the magnificent kites themselves, you'll find photos and signage to help you understand the marvelous history, uses, and the cultural significance of these kites.

A true must-see is our military room which tells the story to how kites were used during World War II (WWII).

Upon visiting the museum, every child will be given a kit to take home so they can build their very own kite!

For more information about the museum and WSIKF, visit us at WorldKiteMuseum.com

MONDAY

- Kite Trains and Arches
- Fighter Kite Workshop
- Sport Kite Stacks

TUESDAY

- Terrific Tuesday Top Team
- Club Camps
- Pun Fun Kite Fly
- Fighter Kite Demo
- Individual Rokkaku Battle
- Team Rokkaku Battle

WEDNESDAY

- Kids for Today Events
- Kids Kamps
- Foster Grandparent Fun Fly
- Kids Games
- Paint Me Patriotic
- Top Kid/Super Senior
- Fighter Kite Kids Games
- Fighter Kite Demo & Lessons
- Senior Ballet
- Red, White & Blue Individual Rokkaku Battle
- WKA Dinner & Auction

THURSDAY

- Historic & Vintage Kite Display
- Handcrafted Kite Judging & Showcase
- Theme Fly: Sea Creatures
- Fighter Kite Demo
- Mass Ascension Pin Registration
- Sport Kite Stacks Demo
- Indoor Kite Showcase

FRIDAY

- Sport Kite Showcase #1
- Mass Ascension #1: Delta & Delta Derivatives
- Kids Kites & Mini Mega Fly
- Pin Challenge
- Fighter Kite Lessons & Demo
- Mass Ascension #2: Cellular Kites
- Sport Kite Showcase #2
- Mystery Ballet
- Sunset-to-Night Lighted Kite Fly

SATURDAY

- Sport Kite Showcase #3
- Parade of Colors
- Where is the Kite Fairy?
- Teddy Bear Drop "Bears In The Air!"
- Have you seen the Kite Fairy?
- Mass Ascension #3: Cody Fly
- Rokkaku Challenge
- Mass Ascension #4: Flat & Bowed Kites
- Sport Kite Showcase #4
- Top Kid in the Beach & Super Senior Awards

SUNDAY

- Memorial Fly
- Mass Ascension #5: Sparless & Soft Kites
- Sport Kite Showcase #5

WHERE BEACH DAYS BEGIN.

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LARGE KITE AREA
KITE ANCHORS

CAMP DISPLAY AREA

FIELD A

PROGRAMMED
ACTIVITIES

MFG DEMO

FIELD B

PUBLIC FLY

PUBLIC FLY

NORTH
AMERICAN
FIGHTER KITE
ASSOCIATION

NO PUBLIC FLY

KITE BUGGIES

NO FLY

SHOP, SIP & S...
VENDORS & BEER GARDEN

William Clark
Memorial Pillar

LIMITED PA...

Gray Whale
Sculpture

WorldMark

Pickled Fish

Adrift Hotel

Inn at Discovery Coast

KITE FESTIVAL LOCATOR MAP



FESTIVAL MAP KEY

- 1 Official Merch Sales Booth
- 2 Information Booth
- 3 Beer Garden Pavillion
- 4 Kite Museum Tent
- 5 Activities Tent
- 6 Pubic Restrooms
- 7 First Aid
- 8 Flyer Check-In and Operations
- 9 Special Exhibit Tent
- 10 Sound & Daily Event Registration, Tent #2
- 11 Daily Events & Activities
- 12 Boardwalk
- 13 World Kite Museum
- 14 Long Beach Visitor's Center
- 15 Police Station

KITE BUGGIES AND BLOKARTS

Kite buggies, blokarts and other wind powered vehicles are allowed to run on portions of the Washington State beaches!

For a copy of the area maps and guidelines established by Washington State Parks, go to: <https://parks.wa.gov/find-activity/activity-search/water-beach-activities> then scroll down to "Wind-Powered Land Vehicles" and find links to the area maps and guidelines sheet.

For further information about these sports, follow these links: North American Blokart Sailing Association (NABSA) at www.nabsa.org.

We would like to invite anyone who is interested in kite bugging and land sailing to come on down and see a demonstration of the fun you can have when wind and wheels come together! NABSA will be out all week during the Washington State International Kite Festival near the hardwet-sand located at the end of Sid Snyder Drive (at the south end of the boardwalk) and at the water's edge at the end of Bolstad Avenue. NABSA's here to show you what it's all about and to answer any questions that you may have.

Watch the Festival "Activities Tent" (see map) for a daily scheduled presentation by the NABSA representatives during high tides all week during the event.

SUPPORT THE KITE FESTIVAL

OFFICIAL SOUVENIRS ARE SOLD ONLY AT OUR KITE FESTIVAL MERCHANDISE BOOTH.

The booth is run by volunteers and all the proceeds are used to support the Festival and the World Kite Museum. Many new styles and colors of sweatshirts, tees, tank tops and hats will be available. You can purchase merchandise at our sales booth, located near the sand. Sales will continue all week until the last event on Sunday, or until they are sold out. We suggest you shop early for the best selection!



RULES OF THE FESTIVAL APPROACH

Access to the "Registered Flyers Parking" area (marked on the map) from the parking lot to the beach area is **CLOSED** from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm starting Sunday, August 17th through Sunday, August 24th. If you need to leave, you can do so at the bottom of the approach via the beach, up to the Cranberry approach.

DRIVING ON THE APPROACH IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED BY LAW BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Failure to follow this will lead to ticketing by the Long Beach Police Department and/or ejection from the event.

Fliers are allowed to line up where the sand meets the asphalt starting at 4:45 pm. At 5:00 pm, when the fliers are released, the first car will be guided up the approach by a golf cart. Please be aware that there will still be people on the approach, follow in a single file line, and go **SLOW!**

Friday Night Kite Fly: If you leave the beach at 5:00 pm, you will not be able to drive back down to the beach for the evening events. Please plan accordingly. If you leave and want to come back, you will need to park in the upper parking lot. Parking for this evening event is free.

EVENT PARKING

Parking is available inside the Festival area for \$5.00 per day. Proceeds benefit The World Kite Museum and the Ilwaco High School band and cheerleaders.

NEED A RIDE TO THE BEACH?

Ask a parking attendant to call for a golf cart if you need a ride from the parking area to the beach.

GOLF CART SHUTTLE SERVICE

Complimentary golf cart shuttles are provided by the World Kite Museum and the Washington State International Kite Festival. This service is free of charge, though donations are gratefully accepted to help offset operating costs.

KITE SAFETY AND FESTIVAL CONDUCT

There are amazing things to see and enjoy at a kite festival! But to make sure everyone has a great time, it is important to follow basic safety guidelines, whether you are a professional performer, fun flier, or spectator at the event.

MARKED FLYING AREAS

Many of the demonstration fields are roped off for safety. Larger kites or maneuverable kite performances are limited to these marked areas. The fliers are asked to keep their kites inside the boundaries, and spectators are asked to stay outside the boundaries, unless escorted by a registered kite flier (identified by a red wristband).

Performers in the demonstration field are scheduled by the festival management. Ask for a turn if you'd like to be included!

Kites anchored in the Large Kite Field are approved by safety officials and the fliers are identified by wristbands. Spectator and flier safety is paramount.

Please do NOT go into the marked fields unless you are specifically invited and accompanied by a registered flier. Lots of other open space is provided for general flying (see map).

GENERAL DISPLAYS

There are kites, tents, banners, and all sorts of interesting things to see all around the festival area. Feel free to look and ask questions, but please DO NOT touch any items without permission. Please be careful to watch where you are walking! It's very easy to be looking up at the sky, watching a wonderful show and accidentally trip over a display at your feet, or to get tangled up in kite lines on the ground.

SPECIAL NOTE TO KITERS

Remember the 3 C's of responsible kiting: 1) CAUTION, 2) COURTESY, and 3) COMMON SENSE. There are large, appreciative crowds at the festival.

DO NOT LEAVE LARGE DISPLAYS UNATTENDED:

Make sure that lines on tethered kites in open areas are well marked.

DO NOT FLY ABRASIVE OR CUTTING LINE IN OPEN AREAS:

Be cautious with sport kites in crowded fields. Communicate with other fliers and share flying space. Good conduct, positive team spirit, and courteous behavior will enhance the festival experience for everyone.

SPECIAL NOTE TO NON-KITERS:

Have fun! Ask questions. Meet the kite fliers. Most are happy to talk about their creations, experiences, and about other kites in the area. But please be careful. Kites occasionally fall out of the sky without warning. Look out for lines and equipment on the ground.

PLEASE KEEP DOGS ON A LEASH AND AN EYE ON YOUR CHILDREN:

Please ask your kids to be responsible as well. We want them to have a fantastic time at the festival. This is a large event and it's easy for young visitors to get separated or wander into potentially hazardous situations.

SPORT KITE SPECTATOR GUIDE

WHAT IS THE ROPE FOR?

The rope designates the boundary of the flying field. It is set up to protect the spectators from being hit by a kite, which can cause an injury as the kites are made with carbon rods on the edges. It also gives the boundary lines that the competitor must stay within while they are flying. You must never go inside the boundary of the field, unless accompanied by a registered flier identified with a red wristband.

WHERE SHOULD I GO TO WATCH?

The best place to watch the competition is behind the fliers and judges on the outside of the ropes.

WHY IS THERE MUSIC SOMETIMES?

There are two types of competition, ballet and precision. This is similar to what you see in skating competitions for freestyle and compulsory divisions.

BALLET: Competitors choreograph routines to the music of their choice. These routines last from 2 to 5 minutes.

PRECISION: There is no music. Competitors fly 3 predetermined compulsory figures with a short freestyle at the end. They are judged on each figure and on their freestyle routine.

ARE THERE SKILL LEVELS?

Yes, there are multiple skill levels. The levels are as follows: Beginners, Novice, Experienced, and Masters. There are also different classes of fliers within those levels, such as Individual, Multi-line, Pairs, and Teams. There are also disciplines: Ballet, Freestyle, Precision, and Train. For example: Novice Individual Precision (NIP), and Masters Multi-line Ballet (MMB).

WHAT IS FREESTYLE?

There is only Open Individual Freestyle. Freestyle allows the flier to use multiple kites and props during their performance. Audience appeal is one of the criteria by which the flier is judged.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AKA CONVENTION

October 12 - October 17, 2026

National convention and grand national kite competition.

For more information: www.kite.org/event-calendar/annual-convention

ONE SKY ONE WORLD

2nd Sunday Every October; October 11, 2026

One Sky One World promotes annual activities in concurrence with events in hundreds of locations around the world.

For more information: www.oneskyoneworld.org

OREGON KITEMAKERS RETREAT (OKR)

January 14-17, 2027

For more information: 360-921-2785, okr1@comcast.net
www.kitemakersretreat.com

WINDLESS KITE FESTIVAL

January 22-24, 2027

Facebook: Windless Kite Festival Long Beach WA

FORT WORDEN KITEMAKERS CONFERENCE

March 11-14, 2027

www.10times.com/fort-worden-kitemakerswashington

For more information: www.kitemakers.org

WASHINGTON STATE INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL

August 16-22, 2027

Volunteer! For more information: www.kitefestival.com

Visit LongBeachMerchants.com for information to volunteer at these events:

Razor Clam & Shellfish Festival – April-May (weather permitting)

Sandsations Sand Sculpture Festival – July

Holidays at the Beach – December

KITE CLUBS

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NORTH WEST SPORT KITE LEAGUE (NWSKL)
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ATTENTION FLIERS

You must be registered and have a wristband in order to fly on the designated field. This is an insurance requirement – there will be no exceptions. Please check in and register at the information booth.

KITES TRAINS & ARCHES

EVENT DIRECTOR– AMY CURRY

REGISTRATION– 8:00–10:00 AM, TENT #2

COMPETITION– 8:00–10:00 AM, FIELD A

JUDGING– 10:00 AM

Trains and Arches fill the sky with long, flowing lines of kites connected to one after another—sometimes stretching farther than you can imagine! Watch for the two main styles, European and Ohashi, each creating its own unique pattern in the sky. You may also see stunt kite stacks, where a single flier controls two or more multi-line kites at once in an impressive display of skill. Awards will be given for the longest kite arrangement, along with special recognitions chosen at the judges' whim.

FIGHTER KITE WORKSHOP

EVENT COORDINATOR– ROBERT LOERA

TIME & LOCATION– 11:00 AM–12:00 PM, TENT #2

Join members of the Northwest American Fighter group for a hands-on workshop where you'll learn how to launch and control a fighter kite. Perfect for beginners and anyone curious about this exciting style of kite flying!

SPORT KITE STACKS

EVENT COORDINATOR– DYLAN NGUYEN

TIME & LOCATION– 2:00–3:30 PM, FIELD A

In stack flying, pilots control not one, but multiple sport kites linked together, creating a performance that is as spectacular as it is physically challenging. Get ready to be amazed by the individual displays and daring team maneuvers of the kite fliers, all set against a backdrop of vibrant colors and music. In 2019, we set a world record for the largest number of stacks flown at one time, with 127 quad line kites flown by 20 pilots. Each year we strive to make the event more spectacular!

TERRIFIC TUESDAY – TOP TEAM CHALLENGE

EVENT COORDINATOR– PAM KNIGHT

REGISTRATION– 9:00–9:45 AM, TENT #2 – EVENT ALL DAY

Events will take place throughout the day. Teams are limited to 10 members. Points are awarded for each activity on Tuesday's schedule—participants earn points simply for joining in, with additional points for winning or placing in both individual and team events.

Clubs, family groups, or any group that wants to “bond” for the day are encouraged to register as a team and compete for the Top Team title.

CLUB CAMPS

EVENT COORDINATOR– PAM KNIGHT

REGISTRATION– 9:00–10:00 AM, TENT #2

JUDGING– 1:00–2:00 PM

A “club camp” is a ground display, set up by a particular team. This can include ground art, banners, flags, tents, kites “at rest,” people, pets— use your imagination. Judging is based on color coordination, artistic merit, innovation, and overall presentation.

PUN FUN KITE FLY

EVENT COORDINATOR– PAM KNIGHT

TIME & LOCATION– 10:00 AM–12:30 PM, FIELD A

During this event different types of kites will be flown together in one area. The idea is to present pleasant visual displays in the sky by putting up many kites of a designated type at the same time. Some of the categories lend themselves to allowing a visual pun to occur in the air.

- Multiple themed kite-flying rounds, each lasting 20 minutes
- 5-minute transition time between categories
- Counting begins 5 minutes after each round starts
- Flyers must keep kites in the air until counting is complete
- 1 point per qualifying kite, up to 50 points per person per category
- Points contribute toward the Top Team Banner
- Special “Best of Show” award will be given (event coordinator choice)

PUN FUN CATEGORIES

DIAMONDS ARE A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND (10:00–10:20 AM):

Fly your diamond kites, big and small. Earn an extra point if the flyer at the end of the line is a "girl." Five bonus points to be awarded to the largest diamond kite on the field.

DELTA DAWN & HAPI TOGETHER (10:25–10:45 AM):

All deltas and delta derivatives to the field, please. Is there a flower on your delta? That'll earn you an extra point. Everyone wearing a hapi coat will earn an additional point.

PILLOW TALK (10:50–11:10 AM):

All soft "pillowy" kites are invited to the flying field—no sticks allowed! An extra point will be awarded to flyers brave enough to wear their slippers or a nightcap on the field.

CRAZY (11:15–11:35 AM):

We're crazy to think these would ever fly! Bring out your circoflexes, freeform kites, asymmetrical kites, character kites, etc. An extra point will be awarded to anyone wearing a crazy hat. The craziest hat will be awarded 5 bonus points.

TAIL ENHANCES THE KITE (11:40 AM–12:00 PM):

Bring on the TAILS. The longest, brightest, most creative tails will get the most points. Tails that add to the style and design of the kite will earn extra points.

PIECES / PATCHWORK (12:05–12:25 PM):

Some kites are just plain. These won't be!! They will have lots of pieces, colors, designs, and applique. Maximum points will be awarded to the most creative and challenging use of fabric.

COASTAL FINDS AROUND EVERY CORNER.

Discover clothing, accessories, and coastal finds perfect for bringing a little beach town charm home.



**CRANBERRY
CLOSET**

FIGHTER KITE DEMO

EVENT COORDINATOR- ROBERT LOERA

TIME & LOCATION- 12:30-1:30 PM, FIELD A

Members of the Northwest American Fighter Group will host a hands-on workshop demonstrating how to launch and control a fighter kite. Participants will learn basic techniques and get a chance to experience flying these traditional, maneuverable kites.

INDIVIDUAL ROKKAKU BATTLE

EVENT COORDINATORS- RONDA BREWER & BOB WENDT

PILOT'S MEETING- 1:00 PM, TENT #2

BATTLE- 1:30-3:00 PM, FIELD A

The individual Rokkaku Battle will feature traditional shaped Japanese Rokkaku battle kites. All participating kites may be no larger than four (4) feet.

No kevlar or cutting line may be used. The judges may disqualify a kite if the construction materials appear to be unsafe. Other safety regulations may be announced if deemed necessary.

Gloves must be worn, and hard hats are optional. All kites and line are to be provided by the contestant. The battle will be run in as many heats as time allows. Line length will be limited to 150 feet. During competition, contestants may move about the entire field. A grounded kite must be removed from the field immediately. Kites may not be grounded by intentional physical contact between contestants, between contestants and an opposing kite, or line. Only contestants and staff may be on the field during the battle.

SCORING:

Last kite in the air: 5 points

Next to last kite: 4 points

Second to last: 3 points

Every contestant will get 1 point for each kite that they down.

Extra points for lights on your hard hat and also for boxing gloves.

TEAM ROKKAKU BATTLE

EVENT COORDINATORS- RONDA BREWER, BOB & DONNA WENDT, ROBERT KIRBY

REGISTRATION/ PILOT'S MEETING- 3:00 PM, TENT #2

BATTLE- 3:30-4:30 PM, FIELD A

Grab your teammates for fast-paced, team-on-team action! Teams work together to knock or cut opposing kites out of the sky using their own Rokkaku kite. Official AKA competition rules apply.

TEAM REQUIREMENTS:

Minimum of 3 members. Traditional Rokkaku (hexagon-shaped) kite required. All members must be on the field at the start. No adding members after the start.

PARTICIPATION RULES:

All team members must hold the kite line at all times. Letting go results in disqualification. No physical contact with participants or their lines.

SAFETY RULES:

No sharp objects attached to kites or flying lines. No cutting tools allowed.

ELIMINATIONS & CONDUCT:

Disqualified or downed teams must leave the field immediately. No interference with active teams.

ENGAGEMENT RULE:

Teams must actively engage. 30 seconds inactive: warning issued. Continued inactivity: disqualification. Judges may stop the event at any time for safety. All participants must stop immediately.

HIDDEN GEMS AWAIT.

Explore a thoughtfully curated collection of antiques, vintage treasures, unique gifts, and home decor at Heather & Holly's Hidden Treasures. Whether you're searching for the perfect keepsake or simply love discovering one-of-a-kind finds, there's something special waiting around every corner.



KIDS FOR TODAY EVENTS

EVENT COORDINATOR- GLENDA DAVENPORT

LOCATION- TENT #2

The Kite Fairy program, originally started by Glenda Kleppin in 2001, helps to make the kite flying experience more accessible and enjoyable for younger spectators and participants. In 2019, Glenda Davenport took over the role of the Kite Fairy.

Join WSIKF participants in this wonderful effort by volunteering at the Kids events throughout the week. Volunteers can sign up to help with activities that involve the younger generation of kite enthusiasts.

SPECIAL KIDS DAY PINS:

- Kids Kamps participants will receive these pins for their contribution.
- Foster Grandparents, enthusiastic kite fliers, participants will receive these pins for their contribution.
- Parade of Colors can earn a special Kids Day Pin.

KIDS KAMPS

EVENT COORDINATOR- GLENDA DAVENPORT

REGISTRATION- 9:15-11:30 AM, EVENT HOSTED EVERYWHERE

JUDGING- 1:30-2:30 PM

Join the fun! With your family and friends, set up a camp display that appeals specifically to kids. Draw inspiration from current or classical books, movies, songs, and/or nursery rhymes. Your display can be as creative as you like!

We encourage participants to add an educational component or include an interactive activity like kite making at your camp. It's a great opportunity for kids to learn while having fun!

- Kid's Day Pin: All participants will receive a special-colored Kid's Day Pin.
- Awards: There are separate awards for camps set up by kids under the age of 18, and adults who also participate.
- Important: If you're a "Kid's Kamp" (set up by someone under 18), be sure to let the registration team know. You'll receive a flag to display at your kamp, so judges can easily identify where you are located during the judging from 1:30 - 2:30 PM.

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS FUN FLY

EVENT COORDINATORS- BRIAN & DEBBIE DAVID

KIDS AGES 3-12

REGISTRATION- 9:15-11:30 AM, TENT #2

TIME & LOCATION- 10:00-11:30 AM, FIELD A

During this event, "Foster Grandparents" (experienced kite fliers) are paired up with kids who select a kite and are given individual lessons on how to properly fly, and care for their new kite. For many, the first memory of flying a kite is associated with an outing with an older family member, often a grandparent.

The Foster Grandparent Fun Fly event has grown over the years from using plastic production kites to handmade kites. We now have over 26 kite makers sewing the Fringe Delta Kites that are needed each year.

KIDS: The first 200 kids (ages 3-12) to register for this event will be paired with a "Foster Grandparent", who will help them pick out, and show them how to safely fly their new kite.

ADULTS: The first 75 adults to register to be a "Foster Grandparent" will receive a special event pin and share their joy of kite flying with a child of the next generation. They will accompany their "Student" for kite selection and then onto the field for flight lessons.

ENTHUSIASTIC FLIER: During the Foster Grandparents Fun Fly show that you are an Enthusiastic Flier! Judges will have wide latitude on guessing fliers ages and who are the most Enthusiastic Fliers.

AGE CATEGORIES:

- 5 and Under
- Kids: Ages 6 to 12
- Teens: Ages 13 to 20
- Young Adults: Ages 21 to 45
- Adults: Ages 45 to 60
- Grandparents: Age 60+

All participants will receive a Kid's Day Pin for the event. Children 5 and under will receive a special prize in lieu of a pin.

KIDS GAMES

EVENT COORDINATOR- PAUL MUNCRIEF

TIME & LOCATION- 11:30 AM-12:30 PM, FIELD A

4-9 YEARS - Participants may be coached, but may not receive physical assistance.

10-12 YEARS - May not receive any assistance.

SPRINT: At the signal, you will run between two points without your kite touching the ground.

REEL OUT: At the signal, kites are launched and reeled out until the next signal. Winners are the children with the most line out.

RUNNING OF THE BOLLS: Bols are round, spinning creations that are normally used as line art. In this event small bols will be strapped onto each child and they will race across the kite field.

This is similar to what happens at the end of a drag race, but without all of the noise!

PAINT ME PATRIOTIC

JUDGING WILL BE FROM 2:00-4:00 PM

Fly your red, white, and blues all day, everywhere, starting at noon.

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TOP KID ON THE BEACH & SUPER SENIOR

EVENT COORDINATOR- GLENDA DAVENPORT

VOTING- WEDNESDAY THRU FRIDAY, 9:30 AM-3:00 PM AND ON SATURDAY, 9:30 AM-2:00 PM, TENT #2

AWARDS- SATURDAY 4:00 PM

Each year, there are special kite fliers at the festival who dedicate their time and energy to attracting kids to the sport of kiting. These awards recognize their efforts. Please vote for your Top Kid on the Beach and Super Senior!

Nominations can be made for those you see on the beach who you feel should receive this award in each category:

- Top Kid on the Beach (under 60)
- Super Senior (60+)

Be sure to include why you think the person you have nominated should receive the award. All nominations will be shared with the nominees to let them know their efforts are appreciated and encourage them to continue next year.

FRESH FLAVOR.
GREAT VIBES.



Great food, welcoming service, and a laid-back coastal vibe make The Lost Roo a must-stop dining destination. Come hungry and discover why it's a local favorite.



1700 Pacific Ave S, Long Beach, WA

FIGHTER KITE KIDS GAMES

EVENT COORDINATOR- ROBERT LOERA

FEATURING- EPHRAIM MEYER

TIME & LOCATION- 12:30-1:00 PM, FIELD A

Get ready for some high-flying fun! Kids are invited to join "Catch the Tail on the Fighter," an exciting kite challenge where participants try to catch the tail for a chance to win prizes. On the completion of the catch the tail, the San Diego kite club will be do a candy and prize drop on the same field.

AGE CATEGORIES:

- Ages 4-9
- Ages 10-15

Bring your energy and enjoy this playful, action-packed activity designed just for young kite enthusiasts!

FIGHTER KITE DEMO & LESSONS

EVENT COORDINATOR- ROBERT LOERA

FEATURING- EPHRAIM MEYER

TIME & LOCATION- 1:00-2:00 PM, FIELD A

Members of the Northwest American Fighter Group will lead a hands-on workshop teaching participants how to launch and control a fighter kite. Attendees will have the opportunity to practice kite handling techniques in a fun, interactive setting.

SENIOR BALLET

EVENT COORDINATOR- PAUL MUNCRIEF

REGISTRATION- 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, TENT #1

PERFORMANCE- 2:00-3:30 PM, FIELD A

3-5 VOLUNTEER FLIERS AS JUDGES

Performers must be aged 50+. This competition will be judged on music selection, which should include change of tempo or mood suited to the kite flying, smoothness of movements to show control and flow with the music, number and variety of moves, innovation and overall enthusiasm. Each performance is limited to 5 minutes.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE INDIVIDUAL ROKKAKU BATTLE

EVENT COORDINATORS- RONDA BREWER, BOB & DONNA WENDT,
ROBERT KIRBY

REGISTRATION/ PILOT'S MEETING- 3:30 PM, TENT #2

BATTLE- 4:00-5:30 PM, FIELD A

Bring your patriotic spirit to the sky! This special edition follows Tuesday's rules- with a festive twist.

BONUS POINTS:

+1 red, white, and blue kite

+1 Seniors (50+)

+1 costumes

Gloves are required. Come ready to compete, show your style and enjoy the fun!

WKA DINNER, RAFFLE & AUCTION

WEDNESDAY, AUG 19TH

DOORS OPEN- 5:00 PM

DINNER- 6:00 PM

TICKETS- \$15 PER PERSON

LOCATION: LONG BEACH GRANGE, 5715, SANDRIDGE ROAD

Join us for dinner, raffle prizes, and an auction. All proceeds benefit the WKA. Tickets are available on the beach from Bonnie Ecker or at the door.

HISTORIC & VINTAGE KITE DISPLAY

EVENT COORDINATOR- JAMES KING

TIME & LOCATION- 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, NORTH END OF FIELD A

JUDGING- 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Vintage kites are special. We welcome you to bring your vintage kite(s)—at least 30 years and older—and be part of our special vintage kite fly. There will be some of the World Kite Museum's vintage advertisement kites on display- come share stories, new and old, with spectators and kite fliers alike. Judging will be based on kites' condition, ability to fly and age.

HANDCRAFTED KITE JUDGING & SHOWCASE

EVENT COORDINATORS- BRIAN & DEBBIE DAVID, MONTY & GLENDA DAVENPORT

PRE-REGISTRATION- WEDNESDAY 2:00-4:00 PM AND THURSDAY 8:30-9:00 AM, TENT #2

CHECK IN- 9:00 AM

COMPETITION- 9:30 AM- 2:30 PM, FIELD A

Every participant in the Handcrafted Kite Competition will receive a special participation pin by entering at least 1 kite.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

- Kite Flight / Handling
- Aesthetic Visual Flight Appeal
- Craftsmanship
- Structural Kite Design

There are three skill levels: Novice, Journeyman, and Master. Competitors complete a form to help determine skill level but may compete at a higher level than the form indicates. They will also indicate categories that they will be entering a kite.

ELIGIBILITY:

Kites that have won past WSIKF Handcrafted Competitions are not eligible. Kites may be built individually or cooperatively.

PRIZE DRAWINGS:

- **NOVICE & JOURNEYMAN:** One free scholarship to the Oregon Kite Makers Retreat (room, meals, tuition)
- **MASTER:** Gift basket full of surprises

Judging proceeds category by category. Competitors must be ready at the start of their category. Pre-flying allowed to adjust for wind, but kites must be grounded at the start of Judging. Each category ~30 minutes (may vary based on number of entries).

HANDCRAFTED COMPETITION CATEGORIES:

ARCHES, TRAINS AND CENTIPEDES- Kites connected by lines to each other.

LINE ACCESSORIES & GROUND ART- Tethered objects attached to a kite, line, or the ground (e.g., windsocks, bols, wheels).

SMALLEST KITE- Must demonstrate stable flight; the kite with the smallest lifting surface wins.

FIGURE OR NOVELTY KITES- Kites shaped like people, animals, or objects; decorated surfaces alone are not considered figure kites.

ROKKAKU KITES- Six-sided kites framed as a traditional Sanjo Rokkaku.

DELTA OR DELTA DERIVATIVES- Usually a triangular winged kite.

FLAT OR BOWED KITES- Single-plane kites (diamonds, Della Portas, Eddys, Edos, Bermudas); bowed variants use sail curvature for stability.

SOFT & SEMI-RIGID- Shape maintained by wind and proper bridling; semi-rigid may have spars in one direction only.

CELLULAR OR DIMENSIONAL KITES- Three-dimensional kites with channels allowing wind flow through lifting surfaces.

FIGHTER KITES- Open to all types and designs of fighter kites.

STUNT / MULTI-LINE KITES- Kites requiring multiple lines for flight and stability.

THEME FLY: SEA CREATURES

12:00–4:00 PM, BIG KITE FIELD

JUDGING FROM 2:00–4:00 PM

Fly your sea creatures all day, everywhere, starting at noon.

FIGHTER KITE DEMO

EVENT COORDINATOR– ROBERT LOERA

TIME & LOCATION– 12:30–1:30 PM, FIELD A

Members of the Northwest American Fighter Group will lead a hands-on workshop teaching participants how to launch and control a fighter kite. Attendees will have the opportunity to practice kite handling techniques in a fun, interactive setting.

MASS ASCENSION PIN REGISTRATION

EVENT COORDINATOR– MONTY DAVENPORT

REGISTRATION– 10:00–11:00 AM, TENT #2

The first 125 people who sign up will receive a commemorative pin. No Pin, No Registration Needed: If you don't want a pin, you don't need to register, just join us on Field A and enjoy the event.

Participation Card: All participants will receive a card for the five Mass Ascension events:

- Delta & Delta Derivatives (10:30 – 11:30 AM Friday)
- Cellular (1:00 – 2:00 PM Friday)
- Cody (1:00 – 1:45 PM Saturday)
- Flat & Bowed (2:30 – 3:30 PM Saturday)
- Sparless & Soft (10:30 – 11:30 AM Sunday)

You must present your card during each Mass Ascension event to receive your pin.

Kite Options: You don't need to have the specific kite for each category. Feel free to bring another kite and still join in on the fun!

SPORT KITE STACKS DEMO

EVENT COORDINATOR- DYLAN NGUYEN

TIME & LOCATION- 2:30-3:15 PM, FIELD A

Once again the stacks will be out. Pairs and teams of stack fliers will put on amazing displays of coordinated flying and unbelievable kite artistry.

INDOOR KITE SHOWCASE

EVENT COORDINATORS- ERIC FORSBERG & SCOTT DAVIS

WARM-UP- 4:00-5:00 PM

INDOOR SHOWCASE- 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Brought back by popular demand: The Indoor Kite Showcase!

For one evening only! Don't miss the unique and exciting indoor kite flying at Long Beach Elementary on Washington Avenue & South 4th Street. The kites used in the indoor event are very lightweight and the combination of movement of the flier's feet and his/her manipulation of the kites diving or being pulled directly overhead, creates enough pull to make them dance. Not all performers want to create a graceful ballet. Others perform acrobatic jumps and crazy antics. Flyers perform individually and sometimes in twos and threes. The flying is choreographed to the beat and the mood of a predetermined piece of music.

Come join the fun and witness a truly unique kiting experience. If you want to see more indoor flying, plan to attend the Annual Windless Kite Festival in Long Beach in January (dates to be announced soon)!



SPORT KITE SHOWCASE

EVENT COORDINATOR- PAUL MUNCRIEF

TIME & LOCATION- 9:30-10:30 AM, FIELD A

REGISTRATION BEGINNING MONDAY, TENT #1

PILOTS MEETING- 9:15 AM, TENT #2

This is open to all fliers and will consist of ballet performances set to music of your own choosing. Music should be between two to four minutes in length. You won't want to miss the spectacular displays by international world class performers!

MASS ASCENSION #1: DELTA & DELTA DERIVATIVES

EVENT COORDINATOR- MONTY DAVENPORT

TIME & LOCATION- 10:30-11:30 AM, FIELD A

Registration is not required but if you want to collect the 5-part Mass Ascension Pin set, you must register on Thursday 10:00 AM in Tent #2. The first 125 people that sign up will receive a pin.

KIDS KITES & MINI MEGA FLY

EVENT COORDINATOR- BUTCH HARVISTON

TIME & LOCATION- 11:30 AM-12:30 PM, FIELD A

PIN CHALLENGE

EVENT COORDINATOR- MONTY DAVENPORT

TIME & LOCATION- 11:45 AM, ACTIVITIES TENT ON THE APPROACH

Bring your trader pins and connect with fellow collectors as you compare, trade, and grow your collection. It's a great chance to find those missing pieces and discover new favorites!

Bonus: Pins will be awarded to the first 17 traders who register during the event—so don't miss out! Come trade, collect, and have fun—we'll see you there!

FIGHTER KITE LESSONS & DEMOS

EVENT COORDINATOR- ROBERT LOERA

TIME & LOCATION- 1:00-2:00 PM, FIELD A

Members of the Northwest American Fighter Group will lead a hands-on workshop teaching participants how to launch and control a fighter kite. Attendees will have the opportunity to practice kite handling techniques in a fun, interactive setting.

MASS ASCENSION #2: CELLULAR KITES**EVENT COORDINATOR- MONTY DAVENPORT****TIME & LOCATION- 1:30-2:30 PM, FIELD A**

Registration is not required but if you want to collect the 5-part Mass Ascension Pin set, you must register on Thursday 10:00 am in Tent #2. The first 125 people that sign up will receive a pin.

SPORT KITE SHOWCASE**EVENT COORDINATOR- PAUL MUNCRIEF****TIME & LOCATION- 3:00-4:00 PM, FIELD A****REGISTRATION BEGINNING MONDAY, TENT #1****PILOTS MEETING- 9:15 AM, TENT #2**

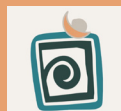
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MYSTERY BALLET**EVENT COORDINATOR- PAUL MUNCRIEF****REGISTRATION 10:00 AM-2:00 PM, TENT #1****PERFORMANCES 3:30-5:00 PM****SUNSET-TO-NIGHT LIGHTED KITE FLY****7:00 EVENT BEGINS, FIELD A 8:20 LIGHTED KITES, 9:50 LAST FLIGHT**

Join us for an incredible WSIKF sunset night fly, where kites dance to music in the spectacular light of the golden sunset. As darkness falls, kites will light up and transform the sky, providing the crowd with magical kite performances, all choreographed to music. Kids are welcome to join us at the Field A tent starting at 7:00 pm. They can meet some of the fliers, who will attach free glow sticks to the kites so they can participate in this special WSIKF event.

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SPORT KITE SHOWCASE**EVENT COORDINATOR- PAUL MUNCRIEF****REGISTRATION THURSDAY ALL DAY****TIME & LOCATION- 9:30-11:00 AM, FIELD A****PARADE OF COLORS****EVENT COORDINATORS- MONTY DAVENPORT & BREANNA MUNCRIEF****SPECIAL GUEST- JOHN LUTTER, VP OF AKA****LINE UP- 10:45 AM AT THE WEST END OF BOLSTAD****PARADE- 11:00 AM**

Everyone is welcome to join with a flag or banner. The parade will march down to and around Field A. If walking through sand is difficult, meet at the corner of Field A near the tents and join on the field. The first 100 participants who line up with a flag or banner will receive a special Parade Pin.

WHERE IS THE KITE FAIRY?**EVENT COORDINATOR- GLENDA DAVENPORT****TIME & LOCATION- 11:00 AM, NORTH END OF TENT #2**

If you're trying to find her, head toward Tent #2 and look at the north end around that time. The first 100 kids who find her and her friends will get a magical wand and help hand out beads during the Parade of Color, so it's worth getting there a bit early.

TEDDY BEAR DROP- "BEARS IN THE AIR!"**EVENT COORDINATORS- CLIFF & GERRY PENNELL****REGISTRATION- 11:15 AM-12:00 PM****BEAR DROP BEGINS- 12:00 PM**

For Children Ages 9 and Under. Look up—do you see a bear in the sky? You will! The Long Beach Bears are taking to the air at WSIKF on Saturday for an unforgettable Teddy Bear Drop. This year's "graduating class" of expert skydiving bears has been training all year for their big jump. Now they're ready to find loving homes. After their thrilling descent, these brave bears are looking forward to retirement and the "easy life" with their new families. Children who are registered before the jump will be entered into a drawing. 15 lucky names will be selected, and those children—who must be present—will each take home one of the skydiving Long Beach Bears.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE KITE FAIRY?

EVENT COORDINATOR– GLENDA DAVENPORT

TIME & LOCATION– 12:15 PM, SOUTH END OF TENT #2

The first 200 children who find the Kite Fairy and her friends will receive a special stuffed toy—so don't miss out!

MASS ASCENSION #3: CODY FLY

EVENT COORDINATORS– MONTY DAVENPORT & RICK WHITE

TIME & LOCATION– 1:00–1:45 PM, FIELD A

Registration is not required but if you want to collect the 5-part Mass Ascension Pin set, you must register on Thursday 10:00 am in Tent #2. The first 125 people that sign up will receive a pin.

Stay after the fly for the group picture. Pictures from previous years and this year can be downloaded from the Washington Kitefliers Association website: wka-kitefliers.org.

Need a Cody kite? Visit The World Kite Museum or other kite establishments in Long Beach, in town or on the Approach.

ROKKAKU CHALLENGE

EVENT COORDINATORS– RONDA BREWER, BOB & DONNA WENDT, ROBERT KIRBY

REGISTRATION/PILOTS MEETING– 3:00 PM, TENT #2

CHALLENGE– 3:15–4:30 PM, FIELD A

Grab your teammates for fast-paced, team-on-team action!

Teams work together to knock or cut opposing kites out of the sky using their own Rokkaku kite.

TEAM REQUIREMENTS:

Minimum of 3 members. Traditional Rokkaku (hexagon-shaped) kite required. All members must be on the field at the start. No adding members after the start.

PARTICIPATION RULES:

All team members must hold the kite line at all times. Letting go results in disqualification. No physical contact with participants or their lines.

SAFETY RULES:

No sharp objects attached to kites or flying lines. No cutting tools allowed.

ELIMINATIONS & CONDUCT:

Disqualified or downed teams must leave the field immediately. No interference with active teams.

ENGAGEMENT RULE:

Teams must actively engage. 30 seconds inactive: warning issued. Continued inactivity: disqualification. Judges may stop the event

MASS ASCENSION #4: FLAT & BOWED KITES

EVENT COORDINATOR- MONTY DAVENPORT

TIME & LOCATION- 2:30-3:30 PM, FIELD A

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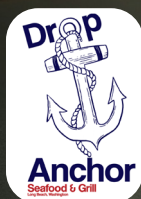
EVENT COORDINATOR- PAUL MUNCRIEF

REGISTRATION THURSDAY ALL DAY

TIME & LOCATION- 4:00-5:00 PM, FIELD A

This is open to all fliers and will consist of ballet performances set to music of your own choosing. Music should be between two to four minutes in length. You won't want to miss the spectacular displays by international world class performers!

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MEMORIAL FLY

EVENT COORDINATOR- PAUL MUNCRIEF

TIME & LOCATION- 10:00 AM, FIELD A

Please leave the names of the kite fliers you wish to remember on the clipboard located in Tent #1 (flier check-in and operations). This clipboard will be there all week. The names will be written on a kite that will be released during the fly. This is expressly for those who have passed in the past year. Please feel free to fly your own kite during this memorial as well.

MASS ASCENSION #5: SPARLESS & SOFT KITES

EVENT COORDINATOR- MONTY DAVENPORT

TIME & LOCATION- 10:30-11:30 AM, FIELD A

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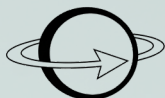
EVENT COORDINATOR- PAUL MUNCRIEF

REGISTRATION- 9:30 AM, TENT #2

TIME & LOCATION- 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, FIELD A

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