

It's Balloon Fiesta Time!

The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Runs October 3 - 11, 2009. During that time hundreds of balloons lift off from Albuquerque's Balloon Fiesta Park. Balloon Fiesta Park is located at 5000 Balloon Fiesta Parkway NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113

Lobo Internet is very familiar with the Balloon fiesta, we have been contracted to cover all the fiesta's Internet connectivity needs for the past 10 years. Our first year at the Balloon Fiesta we started with only 2 internet access points, we're up to 13, and with all the wireless "hot-spots" and Ethernet drops there is room for a whole lot of connections now. Lobo Internet has been out there at the Balloon Park for two weeks now setting up, configuring, testing and deploying this highly technical and detailed project (which continues to grow larger every year!). Our high-speed broadband wireless Internet access is what we provide on the field to everyone from the Balloon Fiesta Officials to the news press and weather crews. This is a very big project for us each year, lets go through the details:

1. First we start with a full FOUR meg connection right on the field that is the backbone for Internet connectivity for the park. Then a completely separate TWO meg connection for backup (it's always good to have a dependable backup plan).
2. The most important locations for Internet access and communication are the Official's Compound for the gas balloon command, the scoring trailer for events and races and one of the most essential tents, the weather station. As you probably know, it's essential that the balloon pilots know what's going on with the weather at all times.
3. Presidents Compound - has 2 wi-fi hot-spots plus the availability to plug directly in with an Ethernet cable if for some reason one didn't have a wireless card in their computer.
4. We have wireless access points at each of the 4 gates plus one at the Gondola Club mainly to be used for scanners to scan tickets for people who already have tickets.
5. We installed wi-fi and Ethernet drops at the Landing and Pilot tents to keep the pilots and the Fiesta Officials in touch to keep the pilot database up to date.
6. The Media tent also has wi-fi and Ethernet drops for the news reporters, newspapers and any other media source to use when they are out covering the fiesta.

7. There are three Official Merchandise tents along "Main Street" that we have provided wi-fi and Ethernet drops with so they can use their credit card machines and registers to keep track of their sales. These three tents have a great selection of official Balloon Fiesta merchandise.
8. The new Discovery Center has lots of needs for access to the Internet so we also have drops there.
9. We also have two web cams deployed on the top of the official's compound and the Gondola club that create still images and website photo galleries. Not so much of a major thing here but it's always nice to document an event as big as this one!

I think that we have covered just about all of it, of course there is so much more involved in each one of these internet stations, but I won't bore you with the technical details.

Wi-Fi Internet access while you're at the Balloon Fiesta park!



Connect to the Internet using Lobo Internet's WI-FI while you're at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, either in the RV area or on the balloon field. These are all "pay for service" meaning, you connect to our hot-spots, select how many days you need the service for, pay, and get great service, here's how:

Step 1

Connect to a Wi-Fi hotspot using a computer or other device enabled with a wireless card. This can be done by viewing your available Wi-Fi connections and selecting the one with the highest link status. There are others in the area but the following are only ones you'll be able to connect to.

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You are now free to browse the internet! Make sure you keep your username and password in a safe and convenient place where you can enter it in the next time you want to connect!

6 connections are available in the RV area

AIBF-lobo-RV-1-505-832-4444
AIBF-lobo-RV-2-505-832-4444
AIBF-lobo-RV-3-505-832-4444
AIBF-lobo-RV-4-505-832-4444
AIBF-lobo-RV-5-505-832-4444
AIBF-lobo-RV-6-505-832-4444

4 more public connections on the field

AIBF-lobo-PublicPay-1-832-4444
AIBF-lobo-PublicPay-2-832-4444
AIBF-lobo-PublicPay-3-832-4444
AIBF-lobo-PublicPay-4-832-4444

Step 2

Open your Internet browser and click the "Click here to get started" link on the right hand bar to set up an account.

Step 3

Read the terms and conditions of our acceptable use policy, then click the "Click here for the Next Step" link.

Step 4

This starts your SECURE account setup.

- A. Enter in a valid email address
- B. Enter in a login in the second field
- C. Enter a password, then confirm the password again
- D. Choose one of the time options and click the "Sign Up" button to Pay with a credit card or a PayPal account

Step 5

Make sure you write down your information! Then click the "Pay with PayPal" button

Step 6

Select if you want to Pay with a Credit Card OR with a PayPal Account Fill in all the required information on the PayPal website to complete the transaction.

Step 7

You will be taken to a thank you page and you must then click your browser's HOME button and log in!

About Wi-Fi



1. Your computer's Wi-Fi adapter translates data into a radio signal and transmits it using an antenna.
2. A Wi-Fi router receives the signal and decodes it. Then it sends the information to the Internet using a wired connection, usually Ethernet.

The process also works the other way, where the router does the translating and sends it to your computer's Wi-Fi adapter.

Wi-Fi transmits at frequencies of 2.4 GHz or 5GHz. This frequency is higher than the frequencies used for cell phones and walkie-talkies, and this allows the signal to carry more data.

Wi-Fi uses a standard called the 802.11* networking standard. This "Standard" is setup to allow different devices to talk to each other, in the same radio "language". It is the same idea as the standard which makes residential electrical current run at 110 volts, so your DVD and the lamp can be plugged in to the same socket.

More About Lobo Internet Services, LTD.

We have been serving the Internet community since 1996. We specialize in High-tech Internet Solutions and boast New Mexico's largest wireless network! Here is a list of professional services that we offer:

- High-speed DSL and T1 access
- High-speed Wireless access
- Secure Off-site Backup Services
- Professional Website Design
- Website Hosting Plans
- Network & Computer Consulting and more!