



The Greater Wildwoods Tourism Improvement & Development Authority and the City of Wildwood welcomes you to come and fly on the beautiful beaches along our famous boardwalk!

37th Wildwoods International Kite Festival

Wildwood, NJ
May 26 - 29, 2023

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- Greater Wildwoods Tourism Improvement & Development Authority
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- Starfire Motel
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Friday, May 26

Join us early for our Media Day Kite Show at noon on the beach on the south side of the Wildwoods Convention Center for the traditional unlocking of the summer season! In the afternoon, event registration opens at 4:00pm at the Festival Field tent on the beach at Rio Grande Ave. **A reminder to all Kite fliers – everyone must register and sign the waiver to fly on our fields or at indoor flying.** This is imperative in protecting the AKA insurance policy. Registration will remain open until 6:00pm. If you miss registration on Friday, registration continues on Saturday beginning at 8:00am at the Festival Field tent on the beach at Rio Grande Ave. **Kite sales will be taking place at the Festival Field tent and will be open along with sales of event merchandise beginning today! Cash and all major credit cards accepted.**

At 6:00pm, join us for the Friday Night Welcome Social located at our host hotel, poolside. At 9:00pm, the annual Nite Kite Show is held on the beach at Rio Grand Ave. Bring your strobes, spotlights and your kites!



Saturday, May 27

NEW for WIKF 23, our quad-line kite flyers will engage in varied scheduled activities such as team flying, stack flying, mystery ballet and, while we do have a Learn To Fly field which includes four-line kites, our very own quad-line performers are opening up a one hour time slot on Saturday and Sunday for the public to step on to the beach and try THEIR kites!

Why not try out some other fun events geared towards introducing new folks to our sport – join us at the Learn-To-Fly Field, Candy Drop and the Running of the Bols – for kids and adults!. C'mon down off the boardwalk and be a part of the events!

Returning is this year's 12th annual Scott E. Spencer Memorial Wildwood Kitemaker's Competition, sponsored by the South Jersey Kite Flyers! *For the third year running, once again this year's entrance fees are being sponsored by an anonymous donor in conjunction with Sky Festival Productions* in the spirit of encouraging new kite makers to participate – so take advantage of that, join in and sincere thanks anonymous donor, your gracious gift in doing this is very much appreciated!

Competition will be in three categories: Judges' Choice, Kitemakers' Choice and Novice. All entries will be flown together at the designated time. All judges and kite makers will walk from kite to kite together, with each kite maker being given a short time to discuss their kite and reel it in to show off any special parts (the idea is for kite makers to learn from each other). After all kites have been seen, the judges will choose a winner for Judges' Choice and the competitors will vote for Kitemaker's Choice.

Each 1st place winner of the judges' Choice and Kitemakers' Choice will receive a \$100 cash prize. The top Novice Kitemaker wins memberships in both the AKA and SJKF. All prizes are sponsored by SJKF!

All kites must be handmade by the entrant. No proxies. Multiple entries are permitted for one entry fee. Please note that our definition of novice is anyone making kites for three years or less who has not won an award at any other competition in a previous year.

The **WIKF Auction** will be held on Saturday night in the Ballroom at the Convention Center and ***is open to the public!*** Our Silent Auction begins at 7:00pm and the Loud Auction begins at 8:00pm. Remember, the auction supports the festival so please support the auction – **cash and credit cards accepted!** Donations are welcome, very much appreciated and may be shipped in advance or hand delivered at registration. Please see the Auction Donation Form below for dates and delivery specifics. Thank you very much in advance for your generosity!!!

Sunday, May 28

Another fun day for the public ensues at the Learn-To-Fly Field, Candy Drop, Rev Games and our Ground Display judging, all happening on Fields 1 & 2 and the Festival Field throughout the day - c'mon down off the boardwalk and be a part of the events!

Once again we pay tribute to those in the kiting community who have left us in the physical dimension via our Memorial Fly. Whatever you fly, please join us in this special remembrance and dedication to those who have passed.

We are continuing with the remembrance of another one of our extremely special and talented kite flyers, Brian Vanderslice, aka "Sliceman" / "Slice" and have designated this day as the Sunday Slice Tie-Dye TShirt Day! We invite you to honor Brian with us in wearing your best tie-dyed TShirt. As Brian always wore tie-dye and spandex, what a spectacular way to remember our dear friend!

Once again for 2023, join Fighter Kite pro's Andy Selzer, Bob Hegman and Rick & Carol Mingeram for an "Introduction to Fighter Kites" workshop! This on-site, hands-on workshop will take place today at 9:00 a.m. in Field 1.

If you don't know what a Fighter Kite is or have been intimidated in trying your hand at it, THIS is your opportunity to be welcomed into the sport of flying maneuverable single line kites. The basic idea of the workshop is to introduce the idea of line-touch competition and will include an education on Fighter Kites, learning how to handle the line, practice time with the pros, followed by a line touch mock competition for all those that are game. Hata styled Fighter Kites are provided for the workshop.

Piqued your interest? – check out this short 4 minute video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nfls-XhZrOc> for a look-see at what a Fighter Kite Competition is about.

This workshop is geared toward NOVICES, is open to the public and is FREE – why not join us?, we'll be looking forward to seeing you!!!

After a day filled with fun and good times, why not carry that into the evening? Join us for this year's a-la-carte dinner at Carini's Ristorante & Pizzeria, 9854 Pacific Ave., Wildwood Crest. Seating is at 7:00pm. **To ensure availability and for head-count purposes only, please RSVP with this registration form.** Come join in the fun and comradery!

Monday, May 29

Today brings another type of competition, the World Indoor Kite Competition. The indoor kite festivities will be facilitated by Steve Santos, take place in the Wildwoods Convention Center, East Hall, begins at 9:30 a.m. and is FREE. AND, if you've never flown a kite indoor, here's your opportunity to try – professional kite flyers will be on hand post the demonstration aspect of the event and will be thrilled to teach you, also FREE – won't you join us?!!!

Lodging

NEW this year, our host hotel is the Starfire Motel! Located at 5100 Ocean Ave on the corner of E. Leaming Ave, 609 522 6767, www.StarfireMotel.com.

NEW this year, our OVERFLOW host hotel is the Tide Winds Motel! Located at 231 E. Davis Ave, they can be reached at 609 522 0901, www.TideWindsMotel.com.

BE SURE TO MENTION YOU ARE WITH THE KITE FESTIVAL!



Wildwoods International Kite Festival Schedule

Friday, May 26

- 12:00 Media Day Kite Show – Public Flying Field
- 3:00 Kite Sales Opens
- 4:00 Registration / Auction Receiving – FFT
- 6:00 Friday Night Welcome Social – poolside, Starfire Motel
- 9:00 Nite Kite Show – Festival Field

Saturday, May 27

- 8:00 Registration / Auction Receiving – FFT
- 9:00 Learn To Fly field opens – Field 2
- 10:00 Scott E. Spencer Memorial Wildwood Kilemakers Competition – Field 1
- 11:00 Candy Drop – Rio Grande beach isle
- 11:30 Running of the Bols – Kids – Field 1
- 12:00 Running of the Bols – Adults – Field 1
- 12:00 Rev Mega Fly – Field 1
- 1:00 Learn To Fly QUAD with the Quad Pro's - Field 1
- 2:00 Rokkaku Battle – Field 1
- 7:00 Silent Auction - WCC
- 8:00 Loud Auction - WCC

Sunday, May 28

- 8:00 "Sliceman" tie-dye TShirt Day – all day
- 9:00 Learn To Fly field opens – Field 2
- Introduction to Fighter Kites Workshop– Field 1
- 10:30 Fighter Kite; Experienced Line Touch – Field 1
- 11:30 Memorial Fly; Field 1
- 12:00 Candy Drop – Rio Grande beach isle
- 12:00 Rev Mega Fly – Field 1
- 1:00 Learn To Fly QUAD with the Quad Pro's – Field 1
- 2:00 Rev Games – Field 1
- 3:00 Ground Display Judging - FFT
- 7:00 Dinner at Carini's, Wildwood Crest

Monday, May 29

- 9:30 – 10:30 Indoor Practice Session
- 10:30 – 12:00 World Indoor Kite Competition
- 12:00 - 1:00 Kite Flying Demonstrations
- 1:00 - 2:00 Learn-To-Fly (Indoors)

Indoor kite flying will be held in the WCC, East Hall; timing is approximate

*WCC = Wildwoods Convention Center
FFT = Festival Field Tent*

Schedule subject to change!



A view from inside "What the Duck"



Registration

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zip _____ Country _____
Email _____
Phone _____

We depend upon Volunteers - if you can help, please check below:

Judge _____ Field staff _____ Sales _____
Workshops _____ Auction _____ Operations _____

Waiver: In consideration for the right to participate in this event, I hereby release, waive, discharge, agree to indemnify and hold harmless, and covenant not to sue the American Kitefliers Association, the Wildwoods International Kite Festival (WIKF), the East Coast Stunt Kite Championships, the City of Wildwood, NJ, Sky Festival Productions, the Greater Wildwoods Tourism Improvement Development Authority, the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, SMG, Garden Sports Marketing, the sponsors, the promoters and all other persons associated with this event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releasee" from demands, losses, or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releasee or otherwise. Prior to participating, I will inspect facilities and equipment to be used, and if I believe anything to be unsafe, I will advise the safety coordinator, chief judge or event organizer of such condition and refuse to participate. I further agree that prior to participating I will inspect my kites and equipment and, if found to be unsafe, I will either make complete repairs or refrain from using that equipment during the event. I acknowledge and fully understand that I will be engaging in activities that involve potential risk or injury, including permanent disability or death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from my actions, inaction or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the conditions of the premises or any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known or not reasonably foreseen at this time. I further agree that the Event (WIKF) may use without payment, permission, or restriction any photographs, films, or tapes in which I may appear for any purpose whatsoever. Please note: By signing on behalf of a participant less than 18 years old, the parent/guardian also expressly agrees to all of the above. I have read this release of liability and understand its meaning and that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it voluntarily.

Signature / Parent signature _____

Date _____

WIKF CHALLENGES

Introduction to Fighter Kites Workshop N/C _____
Fighter Kite Experienced Line Touch \$10 _____
SES Memorial Wildwood Kitemakers Comp. N/C _____
Sport Kite Classics Megafly N/C _____
Rev Games N/C _____
Best Ground Display N/C _____
Open Individual Indoor Unlimited \$10 _____
Indoor Single-Line Ballet \$10 _____

ON SITE REGISTRATION * \$10 _____

Dinner at Carini's, Wildwood Crest -

(a la carte)

of people _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Questions? Contact Sky Festivals at
info@SkyFestivals.com

*** CONTINUING FROM LAST YEAR, ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED VIA EMAIL ONLY**
(print, complete, scan and email back in .pdf format)
AND RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023 to be considered pre event registration
!!! REGISTRANTS REGISTERING POST DEADLINE DATE WILL INCUR A LATE REGISTRATION FEE PAYABLE ON SITE VIA CASH OR CHECK ONLY

Are you an Ambassador to kiting?

In an effort to attract spectators and new kite fliers to our sport, Sky Festivals is working diligently to include events such as a Learn to Fly field, Running of the Bols, Candy Drop, Rev Games, etc. In this spirit we are asking all of our fliers to kindly complete and return with this registration the attached "Fliers Bio". The Flier's Bio will be one more piece in informing spectators of whom we all are and thereby extending a personalization with the hopes that they begin to feel like a part of our kiting community and join us. Your effort both with this Bio and openness of taking new folks under our wings can only result in growth in all areas of kiting. Imagine, if each of us got one person involved at each event we attended, how quickly our sport would grow!

Auction Donation Form

If donating to the auction, please let us know by Monday, May 2 via email to mikedallmer@verizon.net; if shipping, kindly *ship to arrive no later than Monday, May 1* to WIKF Auction, C/O Mike Dallmer, 306 Friendship Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111. If you are hand delivering, kindly bring your donation during registration.

Donor Information:

Donor Name _____

Anonymous donation? (please check one) Yes _____ No _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Item(s) will be: (please check one) Shipped _____ Hand delivered _____

Item Information:

Manufacturer / builder name _____

Name of item(s) being donated _____

Approximate retail value _____

Detailed description _____

Manufacturer / builder name _____

Name of item(s) being donated _____

Approximate retail value _____

Detailed description _____

Flyer's Biography

Name (if necessary, please provide pronunciation): _____

Hometown: _____

When did you begin flying (date)? _____

What kind of kites do you fly (e.g., single, dual, quad line; flow form, rokkaku, fighter, box, foil, stack)? _____

What manufacturer(s) and/or kite maker(s) do you fly? _____

Does your kite / routine have a specific meaning? If so, what is it? _____

Are you sponsored; if so, by whom? _____

What kite clubs are you associated with? _____

Where have you traveled to on behalf of kiting (state and/or country)? _____

Have you won any awards? If so, please list them _____

What do you do full time? _____

Other hobbies: _____
