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Boulder, CO, July 15 2017 - Over the last six weeks, Ball Aerospace interns have worked to build four different payloads that will launch aboard an Edge of Space Science (EOSS) high-altitude balloon. This year's Ball Intern Remote Sensing Team (BIRST) includes 39 interns and 25 mentors. The high-altitude balloon and Ball payloads will soar through the Earth's atmosphere to approximately 80,000 feet.

Missions:

Team 1: Use a ground station gimbal system to track payload antenna in order to maximize signal strength.

Team 2: Design and engineer a payload containing both a dynamic sensor suite and a stabilized optical system that can operate while traveling upwards of 80,000 feet into Earth's atmosphere. The system will record stable video and environmental data while withstanding midair turbulence and extreme environmental changes.

Team 3: Use the extreme environmental conditions in the upper atmosphere to cool a carbonated liquid in a Ball-built 7.5 ounce can to the ideal drinking temperature. Communicate the temperature of the beverage in real-time through Twitter.

Team 4: Use Ball's virtual reality lab to process and view images collected using an on-board payload camera. Sensor suite (pressure, temperature, magnetometer) – track conditions by altitude, determine spin/rate force for future BIRST teams, conduct high altitude sabermetrics (using MLB Statcast data and calculating air density from sensors).

When/Where:

Student Balloon Launch

Saturday, July 15, 2017, 6:00 - 8:00 a.m.

Location: Limon, CO

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About the BIRST program: Launching aboard a high-altitude balloon is a first for BIRST. Since 2009, Ball has offered students space industry experience by launching payloads they build aboard rockets. This year, Ball has expanded this program to offer real-world opportunities through new launch vehicles—high-altitude balloons. The interns had six weeks to design, build and test the rockets and the payloads with the guidance of Ball mentors.

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