



Thank you for joining us for the 3rd annual Warren County Hot Air Balloons, Arts & Crafts Festival, at Warren Community College.

It was 22 years ago when my husband, Fred, and I started the ballooning event at the Warren County Farmers' Fair, in a little town called Harmony. Fred grew up in Harmony and would go to the Fair every year.

Fred liked to fly anything and everything. He was 58 when he first took up paragliding. That wasn't so amazing, but it was the fact that it was the year he was diagnosed with Parkinson's. That was amazing.

Fred had an unbreakable spirit and he never said no to his dreams. In 2020, when the Fair was cancelled, I worked with our longtime sponsor, Warren Community College, to host a Balloon Event. Pulling it off was not easy. But for me, I just kept thinking about how Fred did not let anything stop him, like paragliding passionately for 12 years after his diagnosis. For most, that diagnosis would have been crippling, both physically and emotionally.

Many groups and individuals worked hard to make this event happen that year, and since. We could not have done it without the support of our host, sponsors, pilots and their crew, volunteers, teachers, local government, local fire departments, EMTs and police personnel.

Thanks to all the supporters for a successful series of Balloon Festivals in beautiful Warren County, New Jersey. And a big thanks to all of you that come out to support us!

Giulia Grotenhuis

For updates on the 2023 Warren County Hot Air Balloon Festivals visit www.balloonfestnj.com

Warren County Hot Air Balloons, Arts & Crafts Festival

June 2-4, 2023

Hosted by Warren Community College, Washington, NJ



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Thank you for your support. Proceeds from the event will support the Warren County Community College Foundation, as well as the Fred T. Grotenhuis Veterans Community Center project and the Fred Grotenhuis Memorial Scholarships.

DAILY

Games, Vendors, Food Trucks, Entertainment Tethered Balloon Rides, Mass Launch, Fred G Monster

Explore the 1.2 Mile Walking Trail while visiting!

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN DAY

2-8 pm \$5 off DP Golf & Next Level Ninja Fun, Buy 2 Get 1 Free \$5 Game with Fun Affairs (games of skill, bounce house, ax throwing)

4:30 pm Tether Rides (weather permitting) \$5 off \$15 adult, \$10 ages 4-12, 3 and under free with paying adult.

Note: Times weather permitting.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

12-8 pm June Jumble Combat Robots

1 & 3 lb. Ant and Beetleweight Robots battle it out. (Combat starts earlier than event. Feel free to stop in.)

3:30-4:30 pm Drone Demos

Learn about the latest industrial based drones, a look into the future of robotic transportation, and how unmanned systems or drones will soon rule the air, roads, sea, and space.

Get a look into the future of how uncrewed systems or drones will change farming and help to expand agriculture

and the food supply chain.

Kids may enjoy tethered drone flights where they can take a turn at being a pilot of the future.

8:15 pm Balloomination Balloon Glow

A unique and spectacular balloon glow electronically synchronized to a variety of music.

FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

2-5 pm Circus Workshop with Cheryl Schruerer

3-6:30 pm Ventriloquist, Scott Wagstaff

3-8 pm Phydeaux's Flying Flea Circus

4:30 pm Tether Rides (weather permitting) \$20 adult, \$15 ages 4-12, 3 & under free w/ paying adult.

5-8 pm Strolling Dulcimers

5-8 pm Na'Bodach band

6:30 pm Mass Hot Air Balloon Launch

7:30 pm Fred G. Monster appearance

SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENT

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3:30-6:30 pm Balloons the Clown

4:30 pm Tether Rides (weather permitting) \$20 adult, \$15

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5-8 pm Strolling Dulcimers

6-8 pm School of Rock Easton, House Band

6:30 pm Mass Hot Air Balloon Launch

7 pm Fred G. Monster appearance

8:15 pm Balloomination Balloon Glow

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT

12-8 pm June Jumble Combat Robots

2-5:30 pm Hot Rides & Hot Air Balloons Car & Truck Show, Registration / Check In from 2-3 pm

3-8 pm Phydeaux's Flying Flea Circus

3:30-4:30 pm Drone Demos at the Drone Port

4:30 pm Tether Rides (weather permitting) \$20 adult, \$15 ages 4-12, 3 & under free w/ paying adult.

5-8 pm Kudus Barbershop Quartet and **Strolling Dulcimers**

6-8 pm Jersey Sound Doo-Wop band

6:30 pm Mass Hot Air Balloon Launch

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Activities weather dependant. Schedule subject to change.

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