



Thank you for joining us for the 4th 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 as amazing as the fact it was that 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. As one can imagine, it was challenging. But I was inspired by how Fred never let anything stop him. Not even his diagnosis. His legacy of courage and passion still fuels this festival.

Proceeds from the event support three meaningful causes: the Warren County Community College Foundation, Fred Grotenhuis Scholarships & the Fred T. Grotenhuis Veterans Community Center project. This year, we are thrilled to announce the installation of an outdoor gym at the Harmony Township Recreation Field.

While you're here, take time to enjoy the campus, including the 1.2 Mile Walking Trail, featuring the Warren County Timeline of Technology. Learn about the County's rich past, present and future when it comes to technology. Please pardon the construction near the future site of the Warren Community College Meditation Garden—a serene space for relaxation and reflection for everyone.

This festival is a testament to the hard work and dedication of many individuals and groups. Our heartfelt thanks go out to our hosts, sponsors, pilots, crew members, volunteers, teachers, and local government. We are especially grateful to the local fire departments, EMTs, and police personnel, both on-site and on-call, for ensuring everyone's safety.

Thank you to all our supporters for making this series of Balloon Festivals in beautiful Warren County, New Jersey, such a success. And to all of you who come out to support us, a huge thank you!

With love and gratitude,

Giulia Grotenhuis

Warren County Hot Air Balloons, Arts & Crafts Festival

June 1 & 2, 2024

Hosted by **Warren County Community College**

475 Route 57, Washington, NJ



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DAILY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

2 - 8:30 PM Arts & Crafts, Vendors, Food Trucks

2 PM Chalk Art Contest Check out art created by contestants on Saturday

2 - 3 PM Warren County Timeline of Technology Stories Learn about significant events in Warren County's History along their Timeline of Technology.

2 - 4 PM The magic & comedy of **Balloons the Clown**

2 - 4 PM Hot Air Balloon Competition Meet a competition pilot & learn what bean bags and laptops have to do with hot air balloons!

2 - 6 PM Check out the WarrenUAS Tent Located by the Drone Port. Learn how through their program, you can train for a high paying job in a variety of industries!

2 - 6:30 pm Warren County Timeline of Technology Scavenger Hunt Stroll along the College's 1.2 mile scenic walking trail and discover information about Warren County History along the way.

2 - 7 PM Fascination Place Enjoy making crafts, playing puzzles & games. *Sponsored by Land of Make Believe – celebrating 70 years!*

2 - 8 PM June Jumble Combat Robots Two arenas, twice the fun! (Combat will start around 12 noon, prior to event open. Feel free to stop in earlier.)

2 - 8 PM Games Corner Get your \$5 tickets at the Balloon Ride Tent. (Prices varies for various activities.)

Axe 'Em Out Axe Throwing \$5, \$10 options

Autocades Video Arcade Games \$10 individual, \$20 family pack wristbands. Pay once, play the day.

Games with Prizes & Bounce House by Fun Affairs. \$5 to play, \$5 to bounce! Featuring the new Up, Up & Away Game!

3 - 4 PM Rocket Building & Launches Build a Rocket and see how far it will fly!

3 - 5 PM (Saturday) Enjoy the music of **Amethyst Quartet**

3 - 6 PM Grins and Grins Learn how to juggle!

4 - 5 PM Drone Flying Demos

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4:30 PM (tentative start time) Tethered Rides (weather permitting) \$30 adult \$20 youth ages 4-12

5 - 5:45 PM Rocket Building & Launches Build a Rocket and see how far it will fly!

6 - 8 PM (Sat) Easton School of Rock Bank Street Band 5:30-7:30 PM (Sun.)

6 - 7:30 PM Warren County Timeline of Technology Stories Learn about significant events in Warren County's History along their Timeline of Technology.

6:30 PM Hot Air Balloon Inflation and Launch (May be delayed by current weather)

7:15 PM Meet the Pilots Pilots and student pilots will be on the field to talk balloons with visitors!

8 pm Fred G Monster special shape balloon invades

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