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Thank you for joining us for the 5th annual Warren County Hot Air Balloons, Fun & Games Festival, at Warren Community College.

It was 25 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 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. Last year, we were able to installation 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. Enjoy the Meditation Garden and 911 Memorial, serene spaces for relaxation and reflection on campus.

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 the 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, Fun & Games Festival

September 20 & 21, 2025

Hosted by **Warren County Community College**
475 Route 57, Washington, NJ



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DAILY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

12 - 1 PM (Saturday) Registration for Hot Rides & Hot Air Balloons Car & Truck Show

1 - 8:30 pm Gates Open - Games, Arts & Crafts and Non Profit Vendors, Food Trucks. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for the shows (please leave pets and alcohol home)

1 - 5 pm (Saturday) Hot Rides & Hot Air Balloons Car & Truck Show

1 - 7 PM Fascination Place Kids' Activity Area
Enjoy making crafts, playing puzzles, and games. (Free)

1 - 7 PM Games
(Free) Mini Golf, Escape Room, Drone Drop, Basketball (\$5/10) Autocades Games Trailer • Gel Blasters • Obstacle Course • Bounce House with Slide
Purchase tickets at the Balloon Ride/Info booth. The cost is \$5 per ticket or a 6 pack for \$25 and a 10 pack for \$35. The more you buy the more you save.

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

2 - 5 PM (Saturday) Strolling - Dulcimers

2 - 5 PM Grins and Grins Learn Circus Tricks with Grins & Grins. One of our most popular activities and it's free!

2 - 5 pm Rocket Ready Experience the sheer joy and excitement of creating and launching your very own rocket! Children aged 4 to 94 can participate in this FREE activity with guidance from Mission Control.

2 - 6 PM Check out the WarrenUAS Tent

See Spot, the robot dog, in action as he takes a stroll around the walking trail. Ask questions and learn more about the Drones & Robotics program at the College WarrenUAS tent.

2:30 - 5:30 PM - Bands

StoneHearth Bluegrass Band Bluegrass band featuring guitar, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, dobro, bass and tight multipart harmonies. Acoustic. Find them in vendor area.
(Saturday) Na'Bodach explore the music of the Celtic countries - specifically songs known by Irish and Scottish soldiers and the Celtic music that evolved in America.

(Sunday) TimeWhys Band - Local band playing music from the 60s to the 80s.

3 - 5 PM (Sunday) Strolling - Kudos Barbershop Quartet

4 PM (tentative start time) **Tethered Rides** Get tickets at the Balloon Ride Tent, on sale 1 hour before start time, based on weather each day. \$30 adult \$20 youth ages 4-12

5 - 8 PM Mini Balloon Pilot Lessons (\$) Sign up for a 20 minute flight session with an instructor. (Space limited)

5:15 PM Hot Air Balloon Inflation and Launch
(May be delayed by current weather)

5:30 - 8:30 PM Dance Party with DJ Goldn

Dance Party with DJ Goldn. Kids especially will enjoy this dance party where they can win prizes and get their glow bracelets to light it up the Balloon Glow when night falls.

6:15 PM Meet the Pilots Pilots will be on the field to talk balloons with visitors!

7:15 PM As the night falls, enjoy the **Balloon Glow** - featuring the **US Flag Balloon**, an awesome balloon, standing tall and proud. **Trick or treat** along the glow but watch out for **Fred G Monster!**

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