

The 85th Annual
Warren County Farmers' Fair
 True Americana

The roots of our Fair date back to four cold days in 1859, when 6,000 visitors traveled many miles and braved chilly October winds to view farm equipment, produce, animals, and very popular horse races at an event sponsored by the "Farmer's Mechanics & Manufacturers Association" of Warren County.

Over the years, the Fair was held under various names, on various sites, and never failed to be a great attraction. From 1876 when "Mr. Brugler's swines were especially fine", to the turn-of-the-century when the crowds at the Belvidere Fair swelled to 18,000 fun-seekers, the Fair carried on its tradition of family entertainment.

In 1937 sponsorship of the Fair was assumed by the Warren County Board of Agriculture, Pomona Grange and the United Milk Producers.

This year the Warren County Farmers' Fair Association is proud to be celebrating 85 years! The Fair continues to provide eight days of educational & affordable family fun and entertainment. There is something for all ages and interests.

If you have never experienced our Fair, plan a trip this year! The Fair offers a wonderful look at agriculture with 4H & FFA involvement, animal shows and contests, farm exhibits

and more. Over the years additional attractions have been added. This year Rafter Z Rodeo Bulls & Barrels Racing show in the Main Arena, moves to closing day Saturday. Advance tickets are available by mail order, for the



Rodeo and both Demolition Derbies.

Other traditional favorites include the Balloon Festival, Power Events, more free concerts, car and truck shows, thrill and kiddie rides and the ever popular Kids' Corral.

Sunday is Veterans Day. Consider bringing a donation for the Food Warriors Food Drive on Sunday. Monday is free for Seniors. Enjoy the free Senior Expo, from 12 - 4 pm at the Fair.

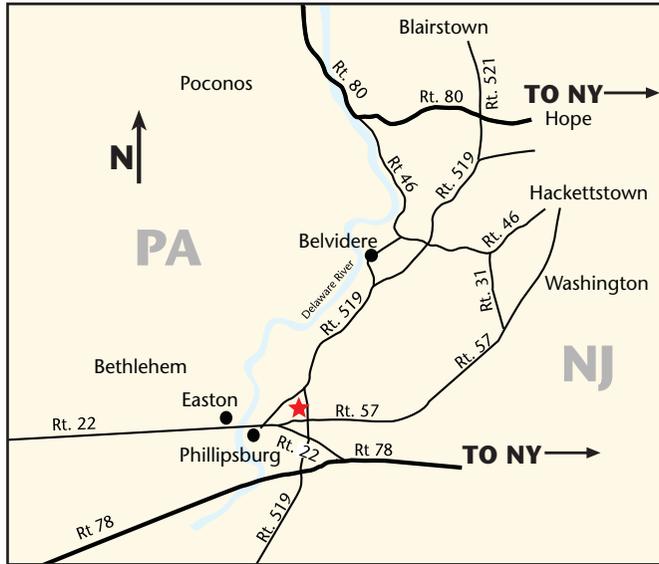
The schedule boasts more musical entertainment than ever, with popular local bands including School of Rock. In addition there will be strolling accordion player & barbershop quartet, provided by the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Division of the Department of Land Preservation.

Be sure to visit the website for the full schedule of activities:

www.warrencountymfarmersfair.org



Directions to the Fair



Follow the **GREEN TENT SIGNS** as you approach the Fair, located 3 miles north of Phillipsburg, on County Rt. 519.

From Morristown: Rt. 80 W. to exit 12 (Blairstown/Hope). Turn left onto Rt. 521 So. to light in Hope. Go straight 6 miles on Rt. 519 So. to Rt. 46, then continue 10 miles on Rt. 519 So.

From Trenton: Take Rt. 31 N. to Rt. 78 W., then take exit #3 off Rt. 78 to Rt. 22 W. Go past ShopRite to next light, turn right onto Rt. 519 N. Fairgrounds on left.

From Allentown/Easton: Take Rt 22 E. through Phillipsburg. Just past Phillipsburg Mall, turn left onto Rt. 519 N. Fairgrounds on left.

From the Poconos: Follow Rt. 80 to exit 4B (Buttville, Portland). Then Rt. 46 E. for approx. 8 1/2 miles to second light. Turn right at light onto Rt. 519 So., continue for 10 miles. Fairgrounds on right.

From New York/North Jersey: Follow Rt. 78 to Exit 3 (last exit in NJ). Take exit 3, continue to 3rd light at Rt. 519. Turn right onto Rt. 519 N. Cross Rt. 57 at the light, and continue 3 more miles on Rt. 519. Fairgrounds on left.

From Philadelphia: Take the NE Extension to Allentown and exit for I-78 heading E. to Phillipsburg, first exit in NJ. Take exit 3, continue to 3rd light at Rt. 519. Turn right onto Rt. 519 N. Cross Rt. 57 at the light, and continue 3 more miles on Rt. 519. Fairgrounds on left.

From Philadelphia (Alternate directions): 611 through Doylestown. About 20 miles in the town of Harrow, bear right (not 412), continue until you reach 32 in Kintnersville. Follow N. up the river to Easton. Take Rt 22 East through Phillipsburg. Just past the Phillipsburg Mall, turn left onto Rt. 519 N. Fairgrounds on left.

Address For GPS: 1350 Strykers Road, Phillipsburg NJ 08865

Less than 1 hour and a half from New York City and Philadelphia. Spend the day out in the beautiful countryside of Warren County, New Jersey. ExploreWarren.org



85th Annual
Warren County Farmers' Fair
 featuring the
Hot Air Balloon Festival

July 29 - August 5, 2023

True Americana

SHOWS WITH WHEELS!

*Car & Truck Shows,
 Antique Tractors & more!*



FREE STUFF!

*Childrens' Activities,
 Contests, Entertainment
 & Music Concerts*



MAIN ARENA EVENTS!

*Demolition Derbies, Rodeo,
 Truck Pull, Tractor Pulls*



Harmony Twp., Warren County NJ
3 miles N. of Phillipsburg on County Rte. 519
www.warrencountymfarmersfair.org
www.balloonfestnj.com

2023 Highlights – Shows, Exhibits and Activities

* Additional Fees Apply • Schedule subject to change.

DAILY/MULTI-DAY ACTIVITIES

KIDS' CORRAL CHILDRENS' TENT

12-8 pm Sats., Sun. • 3-8 pm Mon.-Fri.

HOME & GARDEN, TRADITIONAL ARTS, "WARREN COUNTY & YOU" EXHIBIT BLDGS.

12-9 pm Sats., Sun. • 3-9 pm Mon.-Fri.

VENDORS/ EXHIBIT BLDGS.

12-10 pm Sats., Sun. • 3-10 pm Mon.-Fri.

BALLOON ACTIVITY – weather permitting

Mass Balloon Launch 6:30 pm daily

Tethered Balloon Rides Exact tether time TBD

(Generally starting between 5:30-6:30 pm)

FRED G. MONSTER (Sat, Sun, Wed, Sat) 7:30 pm

CARNIVAL RIDES Specials TBA

Rides to run continuously during Fair hours.

BEER GARDEN

12-10 pm, Saturdays/Sunday (last call at 9 pm)

3-10 pm Friday (last call at 9 pm)

DRONE DEMOS 4-5 pm Saturdays, Sunday

STROLLING ENTERTAINMENT Dulcimer

Musicians, July 29 & 30, August 5

SATURDAY, JULY 29

WARREN HILLS WRESTLING TOURN. 9 am

GARDEN TRACTOR PULL 10 am

BAKING CONTEST Youth/Tween/Adult 10 am

CAR & TRUCK SHOW 12-4 pm

JACKPOT OPEN MARKET LAMB/GOAT/

BREEDING SHEEP SHOW 12 pm

WILD WEST CITY SHOWS 1 & 3 pm

SCHOOL OF ROCK 6:30-9:30 pm

NEW DAY & TIME BIG WHEEL RACE 7 pm

NEW DAY FAIR AMBASSADOR CONTESTS 7 pm

SUNDAY, JULY 30

VETERAN'S DAY – free admission w/ID Card

OPEN HORSE SHOW 8 am

ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL 8 am

4-H/FFA ANIMAL SHOWS 10 am

NEW FOOD WARRIORS FOOD DRIVE 12-5 pm

OPEN QUOIT TOURNAMENT 1-8 pm

YOUTH PEDAL TRACTOR OBST. COURSE 2 pm

DEMOLITION DERBY* 6 pm

TIME WHYS BAND, 6-9 pm

MONDAY, JULY 31

Senior Citizens & Disability Awareness Day –

Free Admission for Senior Citizens all day by showing your Medicare Card.

HONEY SHOW JUDGING 1 pm

4-H/FFA GOAT SHOW 1 pm

SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABILITIES EXPO 12-4 pm

NEW CHICKEN IN THE PAN TOSS Seniors 65+ 1 pm

4-H MINI HORSE SHOW 2 pm

ANTIQUE CAR SHOW 4:30-7 pm

FIRE EQUIPMENT/APPARATUS SHOW 5-9 pm

K-9 TRICKS AND TRAINING 6 pm

4-H SEEING EYE DOG DEMO 6 pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

4-H/FFA & OPEN BEEF/STEER SHOW 5 pm

STOCK TRACTOR PULL 5:30 pm

CHICKEN IN THE PAN TOSS Youth 5:30 pm

4-H SEEING EYE DOG MEET & GREET 6 pm

4-H/FFA/OPEN HORSE COSTUME CLASS 7 pm

OPEN TALENT SHOW 7 pm

NEW CHICKEN IN THE PAN TOSS Adult 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

4-H/FFA GAMES ON HORSEBACK 1 pm

OPEN GOAT SHOW 3 pm

CUTEST BABY CONTEST 3:30 pm

BABY CRAWL CONTEST 5:00 pm

STOCK/HOT STOCK TRACTOR PULL 5:30 pm

4-H/FFA POULTRY/GAME BIRD SHOW 6 pm

LEHIGH VALLEY CLOGGERS 6:30 pm

OPEN PET SHOW 7:30 pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

4-H/FFA HORSE SHOW 3 pm

4-H/FFA ALPACA SHOW 3 pm

4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK TRAIL 5 pm

WAITIN' ON SUNDOWN BAND 4-7 pm

4-WHEEL DRIVE TRUCK PULL* 7 pm

SQUARE DANCING SHOW 7-9 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

OPEN DAIRY SHOW 3 pm

4-H SEEING EYE DOG DEMOS 5 PM

KID'S RODEO ROUNDUP 5 pm

THE DR. DICK SHOW 5-9 PM

DEMOLITION DERBY* 8 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

KIDDIE PEDAL PULL 12 PM

ANDREW LOBBY, SINGER 12-2 pm

FRYING PAN THROWING 1:30 pm

D2W PRO WRESTLING 3 pm

CIRCLE ROUND THE SUN BAND 3-5 pm

AG OLYMPICS OBSTACLE COURSE 4 pm

NEW DAY & TIME RODEO: BULL RIDING &

BARREL RACING & HORSE RACING* 4 pm

AVENUE 16 BAND, 6:30-9:30 pm

FAIR HOURS

12 - 10 PM Saturdays, Sunday

3 - 10 PM Monday through Friday

Note: Gates may be open for earlier activities during the week. Please keep in mind Exhibit Buildings, Commercial Buildings and other Fair activities may not be open until 12 noon on weekends and 3 pm on weekdays.

ADMISSION

Adult: \$10 • Ages 6-12: \$5 • Ages 5 & Under: Free

Season Pass: \$45 • FREE PARKING

SUNDAY: VETERANS DAY – free admission w/ proper ID

MONDAY: SENIOR CITIZENS DAY – free admission w/ medicare card

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, DIRECTIONS, CONTEST RULES & REGS

VISIT WEB: www.warrencountyfarmersfair.org

CALL: 908-859-6563 • fax: 908-475-6514

EMAIL: info@warrencountyfarmersfair.org

MAILING ADDRESS: 165 Co. Rt. 519 S., Belvidere, NJ 07823

EVENT LOCATION: 1350 Strykers Road, Harmony NJ 08865

BALLOONFEST INFO ~ BOOK A RIDE

VISIT WEB: www.balloonfestnj.com

CALL: 908-283-0721 EMAIL: info@balloonfestnj.com

VENDOR INFO

EMAIL: wcff37@gmail.com

ADVANCE EVENT TICKET / SEASON PASSES

Advance Tickets are available for Rafter Z Rodeo and Demolition Derbies, by Mail Order Only through July 15.

Download Mail Order Form Online at:

www.warrencountyfarmersfair.org



Fairgrounds Handicap Accessible

Thanks to the following major sponsors & supporters of the 2023 Fair & Balloon Festival

Balloons Powered By



T-Mobile's Nationwide 5G is coming to Washington, NJ!



Supported in part by a grant from the NJ Department of State, Division of Travel and Tourism. VisitNJ.org

WARREN COUNTY FARMERS' FAIR

2023 BALLOON FESTIVAL

This year marks the 23rd year of the Hot Air Balloon Festival in Warren County, NJ.

The Fair is now one of three balloon festivals in Warren County. People love balloon festivals and flock from as far away as 2 to 3 hours! The festivals not only bring spectators, but customers for many local businesses, including restaurants, gas stations, farm markets and other agritourism destinations.

Long time supporters of the festivals – Explore Warren County Tourism Partnership – would like you to do just that! Explore the area while you are here and make plans for a return visit. Warren County is a perfect place to start family traditions. The Fair & Balloon Festivals are examples of great family traditions for many. But don't stop there! Come back for hayrides to pumpkin and apple picking, Christmas tree cutting, a visit to a winery and brewery, shop antiques and attend other events.

Visit ExploreWarren.org and sign up for their newsletter, so you don't miss an opportunity to come back & see us!

Book a Balloon Ride:

Nothing compares to the thrill of watching a bevy of colorful hot air balloons majestically rise from green pasture to blue sky. If you're inclined to adventure, you can buy a ticket and hop on board for the adventure of a lifetime.

Balloon Rides: \$300 per person

Private Rides: \$775 for couple

Major Credit Cards Accepted.

Call/text 908-283-0721 to schedule a ride. For more info visit

www.balloonfestnj.com



Mass Hot Air Balloon Launches

Watch the mass hot air balloon launch in the evenings, around 6:30 pm (weather permitting). For those that are attending a Balloon Festival for the first time, balloon activity is subject to wind. This means that the balloons inflate when the air is most stable. During the day, when the sun is heating things up, thermals begin to form. As the sun starts to go down, the thermals settle down. At the Festival, the balloons prepare to inflate several hours before sunset. When planning your visit, please keep in mind most balloon activity starts around 6:30 pm, and plan your visit accordingly.

Tethered Balloon Rides

Every evening, as weather permits, tethered rides will be offered for \$20 per adult, \$15 for children ages 4-12. Ages 3 and under are free with paying adult. Exact times are based on the weather/wind on the field each day.

Please note tethered rides are weather sensitive and may require calmer winds than a free-flying balloon. Keeping safety in mind, we will begin as close to launch time as possible, and appreciate your patience. Generally they will begin shortly before or after the mass balloon launch.

A portion of tether ride revenue goes to the Fred Grotenhuis Scholarships and Fred T. Grotenhuis Veterans Community Center projects. The Balloon Festival was the vision of Fred Grotenhuis, lifelong resident of Harmony Township.

Special appearances on both Saturdays, Sunday & Wednesday by
Fred G. Monster

ALL BALLOON ACTIVITY WEATHER PERMITTING.



Traditional Arts Expo & Quilt Show

You are invited to explore several traditional arts as practiced today, in the Traditional Arts Building.

Whether a family tradition of "passing down the thimble" or a new hobby with no quilting familiarity, participants delight in showing off their art. The **Evening Star Quilter's Guild & Anderson Quilters** will have works on display, including the "Quilts of Valor" - pictured below. Visitors can talk shop with members about the art of quilting. Be sure to cast your vote for the "Viewer's Choice" by filling out a ballot while viewing the quilts.

The Expo welcomes Rose Cottage, with handmade Raggedy Ann Dolls, as well as weaver, Lynn Vanassen. Lynn will be weaving on a table loom, have an assortment of looms & samples, and answer questions about weaving. Check out the work of Amy McKeever of Yarnfully Yours – a small crochet business that specializes in amigurumi, whimsical novelty plushies for all ages. Amy will be doing live demos showing these items being made.

The Traditional Arts Expo is made possible in part by the Warren County Cultural & Heritage Division of Land Preservation.



Equestrian Events

Sunday, July 30, 8 am

Open Horse Show - English, Western,

Pleasure & Speed Rain or shine. For

information on competing please

contact Ann Thomas at 201-874-2390

or Kyle Semanchik at 908-892-9278.

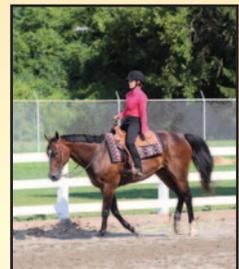
Monday, July 31 | **4-H Mini Horse Show**
2 PM

Tues., August 1 | **4-H/FFA & Open Costume Class** 7:00 PM

Wed., August 2 | **4-H/FFA Games on Horseback** 1 PM

Thurs., August 3 | **4-H/FFA Horse Show** 3 PM

Livestock Trail, Livestock Show Building 5 PM



MAIN ARENA EVENTS

Rafter Z Rodeo & Demo Derby tickets available by mail order thru July 15.

Download the order form from website.

DEMOLITION DERBY Sunday, 7/30, 6 PM \$12

4WD TRUCK PULL Thursday 8/3, 7 PM. \$7

DEMOLITION DERBY Friday, 8/4, 8 PM. \$12

RAFTER Z RODEO - Bulls, Barrels & Horse Racing Saturday, 8/5, 4 PM. \$12

FREE TRACTOR PULLS 7/29, 7/30, 8/1 & 8/2

BULL RIDING



Tickets
\$12

Advance Tickets Available via Mail Order thru July 15

NEW DAY & TIME! Saturday, Aug. 5

3pm Lil' Buckaroos & Mutton Bustin'

(show ticket required to participate)

4pm Bull Riding, followed by Barrel Racing

The Kids' Corral

Don't miss the Kids' Corral where all activities and shows are FREE to fairgoers!

Kids can have fun with a variety of contests, entertainment and hands-on

activities. Make crafts, enjoy interactive activities including mini golf, bowling, playing in the mini gravel pit, gathering eggs and milking a "cow" or riding a "horse". Children may participate in a variety of daily contests. Be entertained by clowns, be amazed by Rizzo's Reptiles, enjoy magic shows and more!

And a special show you won't want to miss! Friday the 4th from 6 - 8 pm, enjoy Jungle Dave's 60-minute magic show followed by a Foam Party!! (Kids should bring a towel and change of clothes or bathing suit.)

Pick up a schedule so you can plan your visit. ALL activities are FREE to fairgoers!



Got Hot Wheels? We Got Shows!



All Week - Antique Tractors on display
Sat, July 29 - Belvidere FFA Alumni Car/Truck Show
Mon, July 31 - Antique Car Show

FREE CONCERTS

SATURDAY, JULY 29
SCHOOL OF ROCK | 6:30-9:30 pm



SUNDAY, JULY 30
TIME WHYS BAND | 6-9 pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3
WAITIN' ON SUNDOWN BAND | 4-7 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4
THE DR. DICK SHOW | 5-9 PM

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CIRCLE ROUND THE SUN BAND | 3-5 pm
AVENUE 16 BAND | 6:30-9:30 pm

Other Free Entertainment:

STROLLING PERFORMERS - Select Days
WILD WEST CITY SHOW - Opening Day Saturday
TALENT SHOW - Tuesday Night
SQUARE DANCE SPECTACULAR - Thursday Night

This brochure highlights just several of the activities, exhibits & contests at the Warren County Farmers' Fair featuring the Balloon Festival.

For all the details visit
WarrenCountyFarmersFair.org



Visit the Beer Garden, featuring three local breweries -

**Czig Meister Brewing Company,
Buttville Brewing Company and
Invertase Brewing Company**

Opened during Fair hours on

Saturday 7/29 | Sunday 7/30 | Friday 8/4 | Saturday 8/5

Last call will be one hour before the close of the Fair.

