



**A season full
of festivals
should keep
the good
times rolling
all summer
long**

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Summer is approaching quickly — and with it come a ton of New Jersey festivals dedicated to food, music, art, dance, culture, film, beer and wine. Whether you want to party at the Shore, pick some summer fruit, eat barbecue all day long or hear some local music, rest assured, there's a festival for you. Our curated list of the best Jersey festivals starts this week, continues through summer and wraps up on Labor Day weekend.

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At the QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning there will be mass ascensions each day. *Star-Ledger file photo*

29-31: The QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning at Solberg Airport in Readington will have 100 hot air balloons including a pair of penguins, a Brazilian piranha, pelican, QuickCheck Farmer Pig and the largest free-flying flag in the world as well as live music from KC and the Sunshine Band, Third Eye Blind and Steppenwolf; balloonfestival.com