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Third Eye Blind to kick off Festival of Ballooning



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Third Eye Blind will make their way back to Jersey this summer to kick off the 34th annual QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning.

The alt-rock band will be this year's headliners, performing at 8 p.m. July 29 at Solberg Airport in Readington. The QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning is the largest summertime hot air balloon and music festival in North America.

The group quickly gained success in the '90s after releasing their self-titled debut album, which hit No. 25 on the Billboard 200 chart, and sold 6 million copies. Third Eye Blind performed the Stone Pony summer stage this past June, and released "Dopamine," their first studio album in six years.

The three-day festival will take place July 29 to 31, featuring 100 hot air balloons from around the world as well as live music each night.

The concert, presented by PNC Bank in association with Magic 98.3 FM, will be followed by the festival's annual fireworks extravaganza.

Tickets are \$20 to \$85 and go on sale at 10 a.m. today. For more information, visit balloonfestival.com.