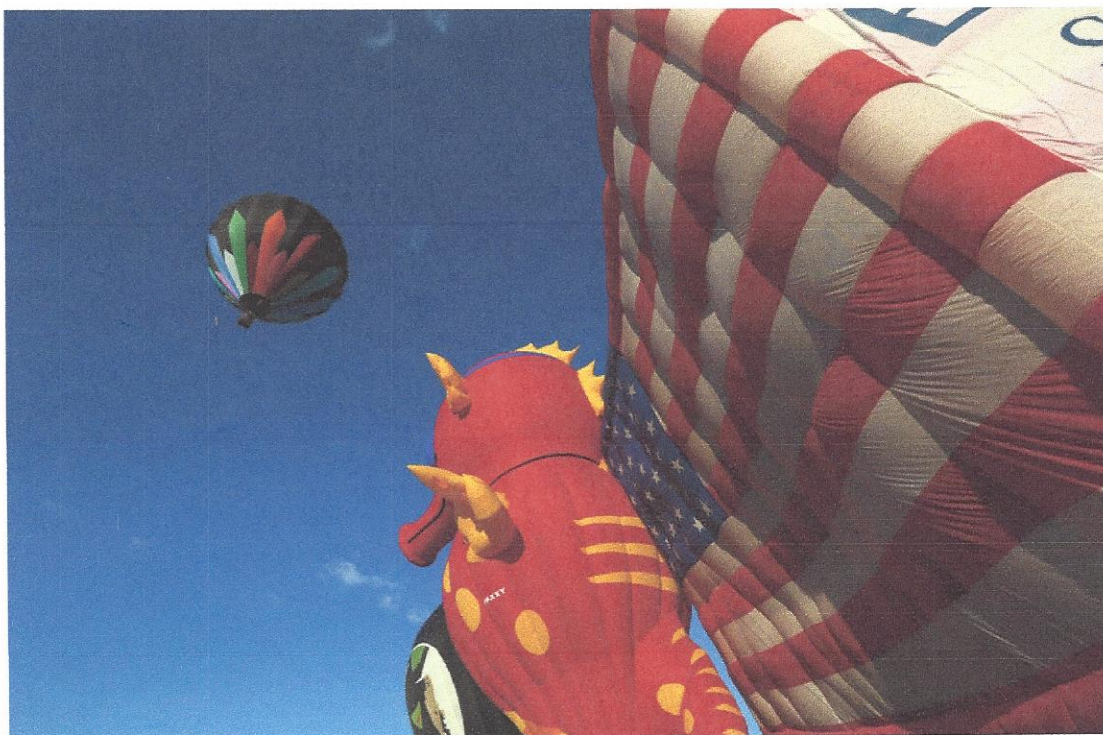


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N.J. summer festivals: A whopping 191 events set for 2016



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Summer quickly approaches, and with it, 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.

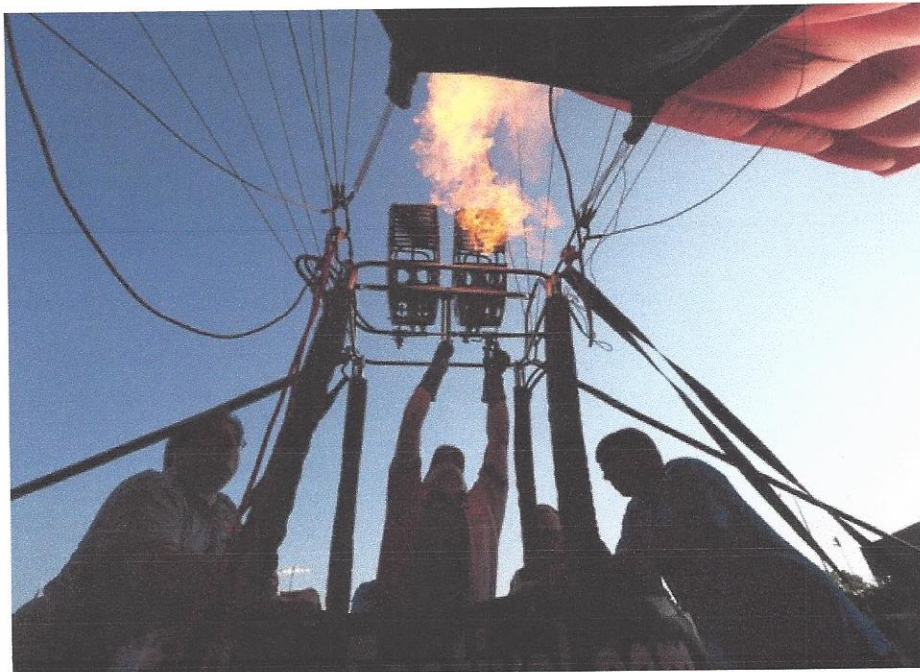
Our list of festivals spans the entire state, starting this week, continuing through summer and wrapping up in the early fall. To browse by month, click the links below.

JULY

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, QuickChek 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



Ken Leota's 'Sir Prize' hot air balloon over Hunterdon County at the QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning. (Andre Malok | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com)



The world's largest free-flying American flag is one star of the QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning. (Andre Malok | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com)