

**Jam-packed  
SUMMER**

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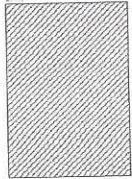
You'll want to put these  
9 events on your calendar

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**G**oodbye boring winter and hello, summer! ♦ New Jersey will be jam-packed with summer fun this year, and we can't wait to take part in the festivities. ♦ There are lots of events, from pop-up markets to three-day festivals on the beach to outdoor concerts. ♦ Here are nine in the area we are most looking forward to:  
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## QuickChek Balloon Festival

Every year, nearly 175,000 attendees make it out to the QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning.

Visitors can watch as hundreds of balloons of all shapes and sizes rise into the sky during the 35th annual event.

During the weekend, there will also be yoga, daily entertainment with jugglers, comedians, magicians, amusement rides and plenty of music, including the Plain White T's as headliners.

Don't forget about our favorite — sunrise breakfast from 6 to 10 a.m., where you can watch the balloons ascend while enjoying a buffet that includes omelettes, waffles in the shape of a balloon, French toast, bacon and Balloonis (mimosas).

The festival will take place July 28 to 30 at Solberg Airport in Readington

Visit [Ballooningfestival.com](http://Ballooningfestival.com) or call 973-882-5464.



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