

2009 Schedule of Events  
Cherokee Casino Will Rogers Downs 20900 South 4200  
Road Claremore, OK 74019



During an August weekend, The Gatesway Foundation will hosts a hot air balloon festival, featuring 30 plus hot air balloons from four states, the weekend is filled with balloon competitions, family activities, live entertainment, arts-n-crafts vendors, and great food. The main attraction at the festival is the beauty and mystery of the hot air balloons. IT'S FUN FOR ALL AGES-no one is ever too old or too young to enjoy the uniqueness, the mystery, and the spectacle of balloons inflating and filling the beautiful Oklahoma skies with a brilliant array of colors. Anticipation, followed by excitement, gleams from the faces of young and old alike as they are able to walk up to the balloons and talk to the pilots who enjoy sharing their fun stories with others.

This year will earmark the 14<sup>th</sup> year Gatesway has hosted this great family event. The festival was created as a one-time event in celebration of Gatesway's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1994. The festival quickly became Gatesway's major fund raising event of the year and a great opportunity to raise public awareness about developmental disabilities. The festival has grown to become a major tourist event for the State of Oklahoma.

ADMISSION: **\*\*Free Admission**  
*Free Grandstand seating*

PLANNED SCHEDULED:

Date: **Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**, 4 p.m.-11 p.m.  
**Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**, 7 a.m.-11p.m.  
**Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**, 7 a.m.-11 a.m.

Pre-Event: Media Flights, Thursday evening

Location: Will Rogers Downs Cherokee Casino, 20900 South 4200 Road Claremore,  
Oklahoma 74019

GROUND ACTIVITIES:

- ❖ Children's Activity Area
- ❖ Radio Disney
- ❖ Jennifay Nichols
- ❖ Food Vendors
- ❖ Sponsor Exhibits
- ❖ Arts Craft Vendors
- ❖ Route 66 Flame Throwing Contest
- ❖ Gatesway Honor Show
- ❖ Route 66 Car and Motorcycle Show
- ❖ Tether Balloon Rides
- ❖ **AND MUCH MORE!**

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Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup>

Media Flight	6:30 pm	Balloon Field
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Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

Morning Media Flight	7:00 am	Balloon Field
Opening Ceremonies	TBA	
National Anthem	TBA	performed by Jennifay Nichols
Tethered Balloon Rides	6:30pm-8:30pm	By: "American Escapes"
Route 66 Car & Motor Cycle Show	7:00 pm	Cruise in Claremore to Balloon Festival Site
Balloon Glow	8:30 pm	ATTRACTION
Thomas Martinez	9:00pm	Dog Iron Stage

Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

Competition Flight	7:00 am	Mass Ascension of Balloons
Route 66 Car & Motor Cycle Show	7:00 am-3:00 pm	WRD Parking lot
Lawn Mower Races	2:00 pm	Location TBA
Glue Dobbers	3:00pm- 6:00pm	ATTRACTION
Full Competition Flight	6:30 pm	ATTRACTION
Tulsa Oilers	6:30pm -7:30 pm	In WRD Breezeway
Tethered Balloon Rides	6:30pm-8:30pm	By: "American Escapes"
Radio Disney	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Children's Attraction
Balloon Glow	8:30 pm	ATTRACTION
South 40	9:00 pm	Dog Iron Stage

Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

Morning Flight	7:00 am	Mass Ascension of Balloons
Pancake Breakfast	8:00 am	On festival grounds by RV park
	9:00 am	
	10:00 am	

\*\* Festival Closes 11:00 am

Please contact LaQuinda Davison for information concerning Tether & Balloon Flight information at (918) 259-1405