

2010 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 six 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 15<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, seating and parking**

PLANNED SCHEDULE:

Date: **Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**, 4 p.m.-11 p.m.  
**Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**, 7 a.m.-11p.m.  
**Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**, 7 a.m.-10 a.m.

Pre-Event: Media Flights, Thursday evening at 6:30pm

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

GROUND ACTIVITIES:

- ❖ Children's Activity Area
- ❖ Pony Rides
- ❖ Carriage Rides
- ❖ Food Vendors
- ❖ Sponsor Exhibits
- ❖ Arts Craft Vendors
- ❖ Glue Dobbers
- ❖ Lawn Mower Races
- ❖ Camel Rides
- ❖ Hot Air Balloon Rides provided by American Escapes
- ❖ Hot Air Balloon Glows & Competition Flights
- ❖ Tether Balloon Rides
- ❖ **AND MUCH MORE!**

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Thursday August 5<sup>th</sup>

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

Morning Media Flight	7:00 am	Balloon Field
Opening Ceremonies	6pm	Prayer by Sasha Townsend
National Anthem	6pm	performed by Jennifay Nichols
Balloon Flight	6:30pm	Balloon Field
Tethered Balloon Rides	6:30pm-8:30pm	By: "American Escapes" \$10.00pp (Balloon Field)

Balloon Glow	8:30 pm	ATTRACTION
Music Entertainment	9:00pm	Dog Iron Stage-Slide Bar

Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

Competition Flight	7:00 am	Mass Ascension of Balloons
Pancake Breakfast	7:00 am -10:00am	Camp Ground Pavilion by RV park
<i>Only \$5.00 per person all you can eat!</i>		
Lawn Mower Races	10:00am-12:30pm	Parking Lot at Will Rogers Downs
Glue Dobbers	1:00pm- 5:00pm	Balloon Field
Full Competition Flight	6:30 pm	Balloon Field
Tethered Balloon Rides	6:30pm-8:30pm	By: "American Escapes" \$10.00pp

Balloon Glow	8:30 pm	ATTRACTION
Music Entertainment	9:00 pm	Dog Iron Stage- Whiskey Road Show

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

Morning Flight	7:00 am	Mass Ascension of Balloons
Pancake Breakfast	7:00 am -10:00am	Camp Ground Pavilion by RV park
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** Festival Closes	10:00 am	
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Please contact LaQuinda Davison for information concerning Tether & Balloon Flight information at (918) 259-1405