

42nd Annual Southwest Iowa

Hot Air Balloon Days

CRESTON, IOWA

September 20-22, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Subject to Change)

(Balloon Flights are subject to weather conditions)

(* Indicates the event is sponsored by the Hot Air Balloon Committee)

Thursday, September 19

Pork Chop Dinner, McKinley Park 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
 Friends of the Library
 Used Book Sale,
 O'Riley Center, 417 Wyoming 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 20

*Fun Flight.....5:00 p.m.
 Friends of the Library
 Used Book Sale,
 O'Riley Center, 417 Wyoming Noon-4:00 p.m.

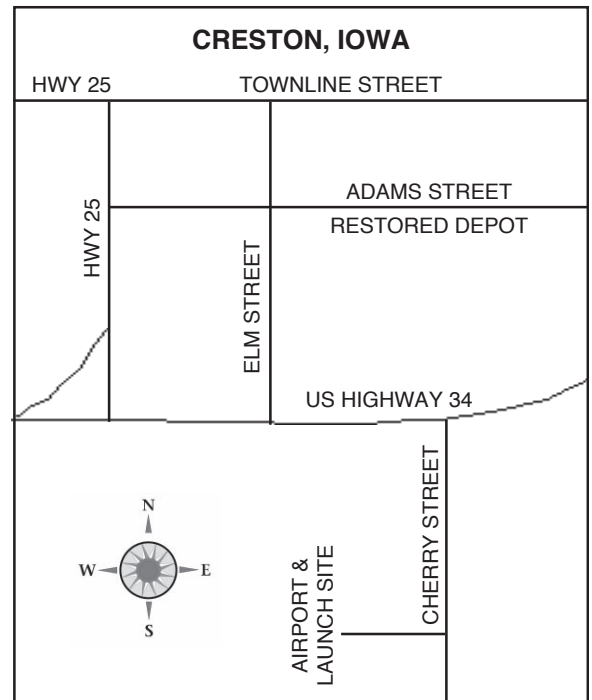
Saturday, September 21

*Balloon Race6:30 a.m. – Airport
 Tethered Balloon Rides7:15 a.m. – Airport
 *Food Stands 6 a.m. -? -Airport/and Uptown
 *Flea Market..... 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. – Uptown – Maple
 Creston Balloon Days Balloon Chase
 5K & Fun Run.....8:00 a.m. – McKinley Park
 Caboose Open.....9 a.m. - Noon – Uptown
 Creston Model Railroaders.....9 a.m. - 1 p.m. – Depot
 *Craft Fair8 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Uptown – Depot
 Presidential Doll Display All Day – Depot
 Friends of the Library Used Book Sale,
 O'Riley Center, 417 Wyoming 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

*Parade
 Marching Bands, Balloonists and more.....10:30 a.m. – Uptown
 Rags to Riches Show &
 Shine Car Show Noon to 4 p.m. - State Savings Bank
 Parking Lot
 Historical Village Open..... 1 to 4:30 p.m. - McKinley Park
 *Pet Show 2:00 p.m. – Airport
 *Pedal Pull..... 2:30 p.m. – Airport
 *Balloon Race 4:30 p.m. – Airport
 Tethered Balloon Rides 5:30 p.m. – Airport
 *Night GlowDusk – Airport

Sunday, September 22

*Balloon Race6:30 a.m. – Airport
 *Food Stands6 a.m. - 10 a.m. – Airport



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BALLOONING IN CRESTON

The Hot Air Balloon Association was formed in Creston, Iowa, through the efforts and leadership of Lowell Sharp in 1978. The first rally saw 22 balloonists. Since then, the number has increased to over 30 annually, making it the second largest balloon event in the State of Iowa. This annual event is always held the 3rd weekend in September.

WHAT YOU WILL SEE

The average balloon has a diameter of 55 feet, a volume of 65,000 cubic feet and a height of 62 feet. This includes the envelope, gondola, propane tanks and instruments.

The balloon is filled first with outside cool air with the aid of a large fan and heated with a propane burner. Once the inside air is warmer than the outside, the balloon is ready to lift off.

Wind velocity at ground level must be less than 12 miles per hour for safe flying. Wind currents at different altitudes determine the flight path of the balloon.

The Hare and Hound Race is most common of the competitive events. The Hare Balloon takes off first, then the hounds try to follow the exact flight of the hare. The one landing closest to the hare's landing spot wins.

The balloon crew becomes the chase crew once the pilot is airborne. Ballooning is probably the only sport where the spectators do most of the running around.

THINGS TO SEE & DO

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN FLIGHT: Balloonists who come early fly over Creston and set the stage for an exciting weekend.

BALLOON RACING: Creston's rolling hills and blue skies provide a perfect setting for 30 or so hot air balloons on Saturday at dawn and dusk and on Sunday at dawn - weather permitting.

TETHERED BALLOON RIDES: Tethered balloon rides will be available at the airport for \$20.00 per person - weather permitting. They will last approximately 4 to 5 minutes. See Calendar of Events for times.

MARCHING BAND PARADE: Saturday in Uptown Creston marching bands in the area compete for trophies. Each year the balloonists have been part of the parade. You have a chance to meet the pilots and view the gondolas first hand.

FLEA MARKET: Over 20 exhibitors display their wares. You will find an array of the finest junk to the most prized antiques in Southwest Iowa. Located Uptown on Saturday.

CRAFT FAIR: This yearly event gathers artists who display and sell their paintings, crafts, woodworking and pottery.

RAGS TO RICHES SHOW & SHINE CAR SHOW: The Rags to Riches Show & Shine Car Show will be held on Saturday the 21st from Noon till 4 p.m. at the State Savings Bank Parking Lot - next to the Hy-Vee Store. Hy-Vee will be grilling burgers & brats for sale on site.

AIRPORT ACTIVITIES: Make a trip to the Creston Airport on Saturday. Enjoy or be part of the Pedal Pull. At dusk, enjoy the beautiful and ever popular Night Glow put on by the balloonists. It is a great way to wrap up a busy and exciting Saturday.

PET SHOW: Held at the airport, is open to anyone through age 12 and includes any animal on a leash or in cages.

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