

48th Annual Southwest Iowa Hot Air Balloon Days

COMMUNITY CALENDAR - CRESTON, IOWA

September 17-20, 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Subject to Change - Updated 8/14/26)

(Balloon Flights are subject to weather conditions)

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

Thursday, September 17

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale,
503 W. Adams St. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
*Hot Air Balloon Registration 3:00 p.m.
Pork Chop Dinner, McKinley Park 4:30 - 7 p.m.
*Thursday Evening Glow at the Park Dusk

Friday, September 18

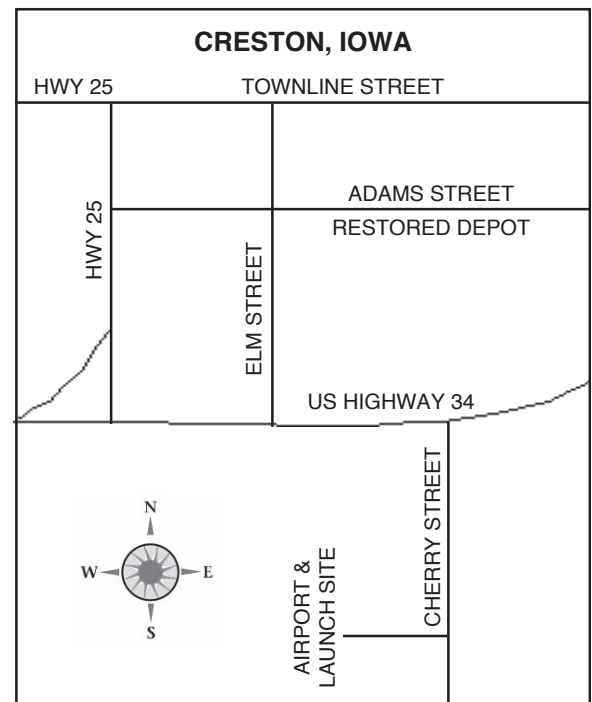
*Balloon Competition Flight 6:30 a.m. - Airport
Friends of the Library Used Book Sale,
503 W. Adams St. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
*Friday Fun Flight 5 p.m.
*Night Glow. Following evening flight - Airport

Saturday, September 19

*Balloon Competition Flight 6:30 a.m. - Airport
*Food Stands 6 a.m. - ? - Airport/and Uptown
Tethered Balloon Rides 7:15 a.m. - Airport
*Craft Fair 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Uptown
*Flea Market 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Uptown
Balloon Days 5K 7:30 a.m. - CHS Panther Field
Caboose Open 9 a.m. - Noon - Uptown
Friends of the Library Used Book Sale
503 W. Adams St. 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Chalk the Town Mural Contest 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Uptown
Creston Arts
Creston Model Railroaders 9 a.m. - Noon - Depot
Presidential Doll Display All Day - Depot
*Parade
Marching Bands, Balloonists and more 10:30 a.m. - Uptown
Pickelball Tournament 1 p.m. - McKinley Park
Creston High School 2025 Band Field Event 1:30 p.m. - CHS
Historical Village Open 1 to 4:30 p.m. - McKinley Park
*Pet Show 2 p.m. - Airport
Greater Regional Health Kids Time 2 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Airport
*Pedal Pull 2:30 p.m. - Airport
Spotlight School of Dance Performance 3 p.m. - Airport
*Evening Balloon Competition Flight 4:30 p.m. - Airport
Tethered Balloon Rides 4:30 p.m. - Airport
Dock of the Bay Night of Music 6:00 p.m. - Eagles Club
*Night Glow Following Evening Flight - Airport

Sunday, September 20

*Balloon Competition Flight 6:30 a.m. - Airport
*Food Stands 6 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Airport



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