



War Memorial Park & Golf Course To Host 2nd Annual Balloon Race

The Great War Memorial Balloon Race will be taking place at War Memorial Park and Golf Course in Little Rock, Arkansas on June 21-23. It is a family-oriented 3-day weekend filled with balloons from all over the country that will be flying, glowing and giving tethered rides. The weekend will have fun and entertainment for all ages while raising awareness and funds for local non-profit organizations.

The Hot Air Balloon event will “Launch” the weekend on Friday night beginning at 4:00pm with music, food, vendors, fun in the splash fountain, kids games and a showing of twinkling colors from 20-25 balloons (weather permitting) at the War Memorial Golf Course Balloon Glow as the sun sets. Tethered balloon rides will be available with a \$20 donation both evenings beginning at 6:30 pm and will continue with the illuminating colors of the balloons glowing until 9:30 pm. The music will continue until 10:00 pm.



Saturday starts bright and early at 7:00 am with a competition flight, once again, weather permitting.

Launch site will be announced that morning at the park after wind direction has been determined and flight plans are made. A “Race to Emerald City” 5K Run and a Walk are scheduled to take place after the balloons launch at the park at 8:00 am, and 9:00 am followed by a dance and exercise session at 9:30 am conducted by the Dailey Fitness Center on the War Memorial Golf Course. At 10:00 am the new Children's Library on Jonesboro Drive will be having children's activities on the Golf Course, as well as many other activities, bounce houses, games, food, vendors and more.

Also taking place are carnival games, and participation from other nonprofits with kid's activities will continue around the Splash Fountain. Live music performances

begin at 3:00 pm and continue until 10:00 pm. Balloon activities will begin again as weather permits around 5:00 pm followed by the Balloon glow at 8:30 pm

Sunday at sunrise another balloon competition will be taking place at the War Memorial Golf Course, followed by a continuation of Saturday's events. The closing celebration will be with helium balloons being released into the sky at 3:00 pm.

Tickets are \$5 for the weekend, and children ages 12 and under are free. Parking is available at the golf course, and surrounding area for \$5 a carload. A discounted package will be available June 10th before the event.

Additional information is available by visiting www.greatwarmemorialballoonrace.com or contacting 501-351-9478.

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