

# The Community Credit Union 2005 Plano Balloon Festival



Up, up and away! The sky's the limit – and the canvas – for the 26th annual hot air balloon festival, "Paint the Skies Over Plano." The Community Credit Union 2005 Plano Balloon Festival will take off at 4 p.m., Sept. 16 at Oak Point Park.

The three-day event will bring baskets of fun beginning with a Friday evening concert and street dance featuring Emerald City presented by Verizon FiOS. A hot air balloon can take you high, but Emerald City will take you back; the band's tunes will carry you into the '60s.

As an added attraction this year, the U.S. Army will showcase their Adventure Van. The Allstate Kids Fun Zone will offer "Kids Korner" with art activities, inflatable rides, a petting zoo, pony rides, a rock climbing wall, face painters, and more. Kids will want to race to the Radio Disney Racing Rig all weekend, too.

KDFW FOX 4 Community Stage will make its home this year in the new Oak Point Amphitheater and will spotlight local entertainment all day Saturday and Sunday. Saturday evening, KSCS will sponsor the Geoff Allen Band and Schepps, the Dairy Best, will sponsor a fireworks show. Brace yourself when the RE/MAX parachute team performs each afternoon jumping from their plane, landing right in the middle of the launch field.

Of course, the main attraction will be 100 hot air balloons dancing with the clouds or perhaps competing for which makes the best animal shape. Special shapes hovering in the sky this year will include the return of 110-foot high Airabelle the Cow, "the biggest flying cow anyone has ever seen," owned by Schepps, the Dairy Best. The Brazilian Scarecrow, High Jack, Total Panda-monium, and Cheshire Cat will also outshine the clouds in various shapes. On Friday and Saturday evenings, some of the balloons will glow after it gets dark.

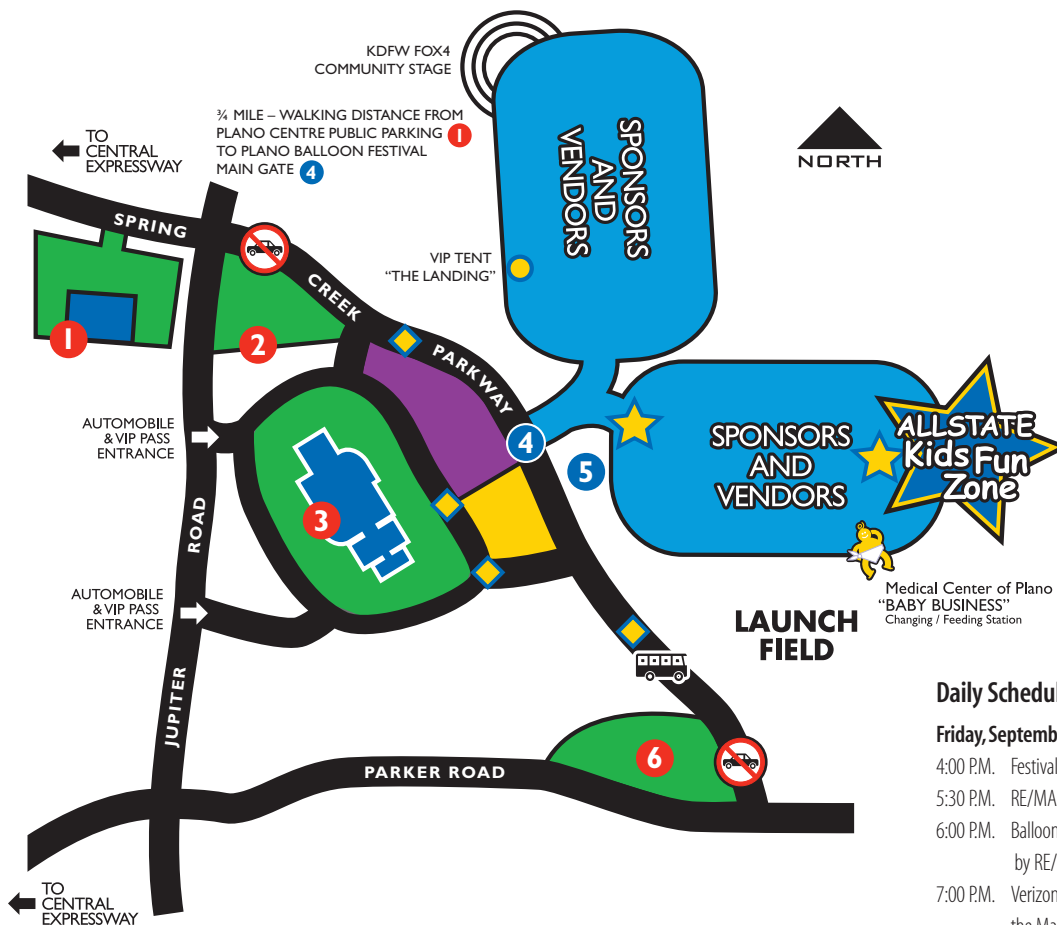
The annual festival is organized by The Plano Balloon Festival, Inc. Seventeen committed individuals on the Plano Balloon Festival board of directors have planned for 1,900 local volunteers to pull the strings for this year's show. More than 25 local nonprofit agencies will promote their services and programs, as they staff the admission booth, parking entrances, or food booths.

Balloon launch times are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday mornings at 7 a.m. General admission is \$4 per person for an event ticket and \$6 per person for a day ticket; \$15 per person for a weekend ticket; and kids under 36 inches get in free.

Oak Point Park is located at 2801 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. Prime parking, which includes Collin County Community College Spring Creek Campus (Jupiter and Spring Creek Parkway) and First United Methodist Church (Parker and Spring Creek Parkway), is \$10 per car.

Off-site parking at the Plano Centre (2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy.) is \$5 per car. Spring Creek Parkway between Jupiter and Parker roads will be closed to traffic. Towing will be enforced in no-parking areas.

# SITE MAP | 2005 Community Credit Union Plano Balloon Festival



**ALTERNATE ROUTES FROM CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY INCLUDE:**  
EXIT AT GEORGE BUSH/190, PLANO PARKWAY, PARK BLVD OR PARKER ROAD AND TRAVEL EASTWARD TO JUPITER ROAD. FOLLOW SIGNS TO NEAREST PARKING LOT.

2005 SITE MAP LEGEND	
	ADMISSION GATE
	ATM
	DART "BALLOON FLYER" DROP OFF
	VIP TENT "THE LANDING"
	SPONSORS & VENDORS - FOOD COURT
	VIEWING AREA
	VIP & BLUE PASS PARKING
	PUBLIC PAID PARKING
	PLANO CENTRE
	OAK POINT RECREATION CENTER
	COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
	MAIN GATE
	MAIN STAGE
	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PARKING

## Ride 'em Plano!

It's a bird ... It's a plane ... It's YOU in a hot air balloon! Ride in a hot air balloon for \$250 per person. Flights will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, weather permitting and at the pilot's discretion. Passengers must be over the age of 10, not pregnant, and in good health. If you are under 18, you must have parental permission or a parent must fly with you. The ride booth will be open one-and-a-half hours prior to the morning launch and two hours prior to the afternoon launch.

### Daily Schedule

#### Friday, September 16

- 4:00 P.M. Festival Opens
- 5:30 P.M. RE/MAX Parachute Team Exhibition
- 6:00 P.M. Balloon Launch presented by RE/MAX
- 7:00 P.M. Verizon FIOS presents Emerald City in Concert on the Main Stage
- 8:00 P.M. Balloon Glow presented by The Villages of Lone Oak
- 8:45 P.M. Verizon FIOS presents Emerald City for a family-filled Street Dance

#### Saturday, September 17

- 6:00 A.M. Gates & Parking Lots Open
- 6:30 A.M. Dawn Patrol "Wake up Plano"
- 7:00 A.M. Balloon Launch presented by the City of Plano
- 5:00 P.M. RE/MAX Parachute Team Exhibition
- 6:00 P.M. Balloon Launch presented by Community Credit Union
- 7:00 P.M. Concert on the Main Stage
- 7:30 P.M. Special Shapes presented by Whole Foods
- 8:00 P.M. Balloon Glow presented by Medical Center of Plano
- 9:00 P.M. Spectacular Fireworks Show sponsored by Schepps, the Dairy Best

#### Sunday, September 18

- 6:00 A.M. Gates & Parking Lots Open
  - 6:30 A.M. Dawn Patrol "Wake up Plano"
  - 7:00 A.M. Balloon Launch presented by The Dallas Morning News
  - 6:00 P.M. Balloon Launch presented by Aetna
  - 7:00 P.M. Festival Closes
- Ongoing throughout the Weekend is the Allstate Kids Fun Zone