

Hot Air Balloon Festival in Falls City Saturday

(KLZA)-- The Falls City Hot Air Balloon Festival will be held Saturday evening at Brenner Field on the northeast edge of Falls City.

Thousands of people have been attending the event in recent years. As of earlier this week, the Falls City Chamber had sold more than 1,100 tickets for this years event which is behind the normal pace. Chamber Director Amber Holle said a majority of the tickets have been purchased by people living outside of Falls City. She noted this would be a good year for area residents to attend the Hot Air Balloon Festival if they have been skipping it due to the crowds.

11 hot air balloons are scheduled to participate in the event, coming from as far away as Oklahoma.

The Chamber has made an effort to have additional food trucks and vendors on hand this year so there should be no shortage of food. A Kansas City band featuring 80's music will be playing throughout the evening.

The gates will open at 5:00 p.m. Saturday with the balloon liftoff scheduled for 7 p.m. depending on the weather. After the flight, the balloonists will come back to Brenner Field and will set up their balloons for the balloon glow at dusk.

Sunday morning the Falls City Area Jaycees will sponsor a fly-in breakfast with the balloons expected to lift off around 7:00 a.m. There is no charge to come watch the balloons and see the planes fly in and take off.

A free-will donation will be accepted for the pancake and sausage breakfast.

For more information call the Falls City Chamber office at 402-245-4228 or search online at Falls City Hot Air Balloon Festival.

Tickets for Saturday events are \$12 for adults. \$5 for those ages 5 – 12 and admission is free for kids under 5.