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## BALLOON CLASSIC

During the night glow events, families are able to walk right up to the balloons and visit with the pilots.  
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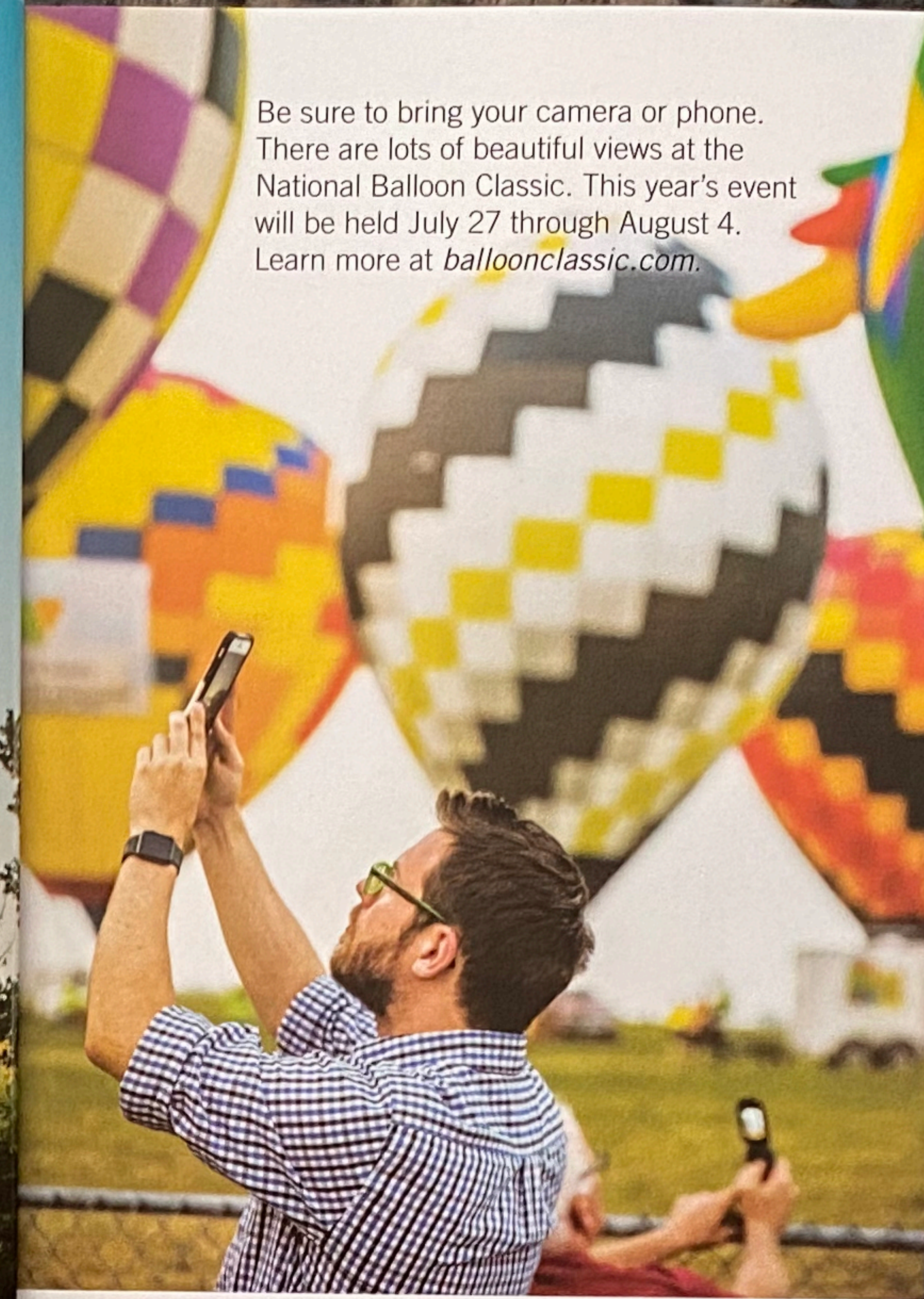
# COLORFUL SKIES

The Iowa Balloon Classic near Indianola gives viewers a new perspective on the Iowa sky and landscape

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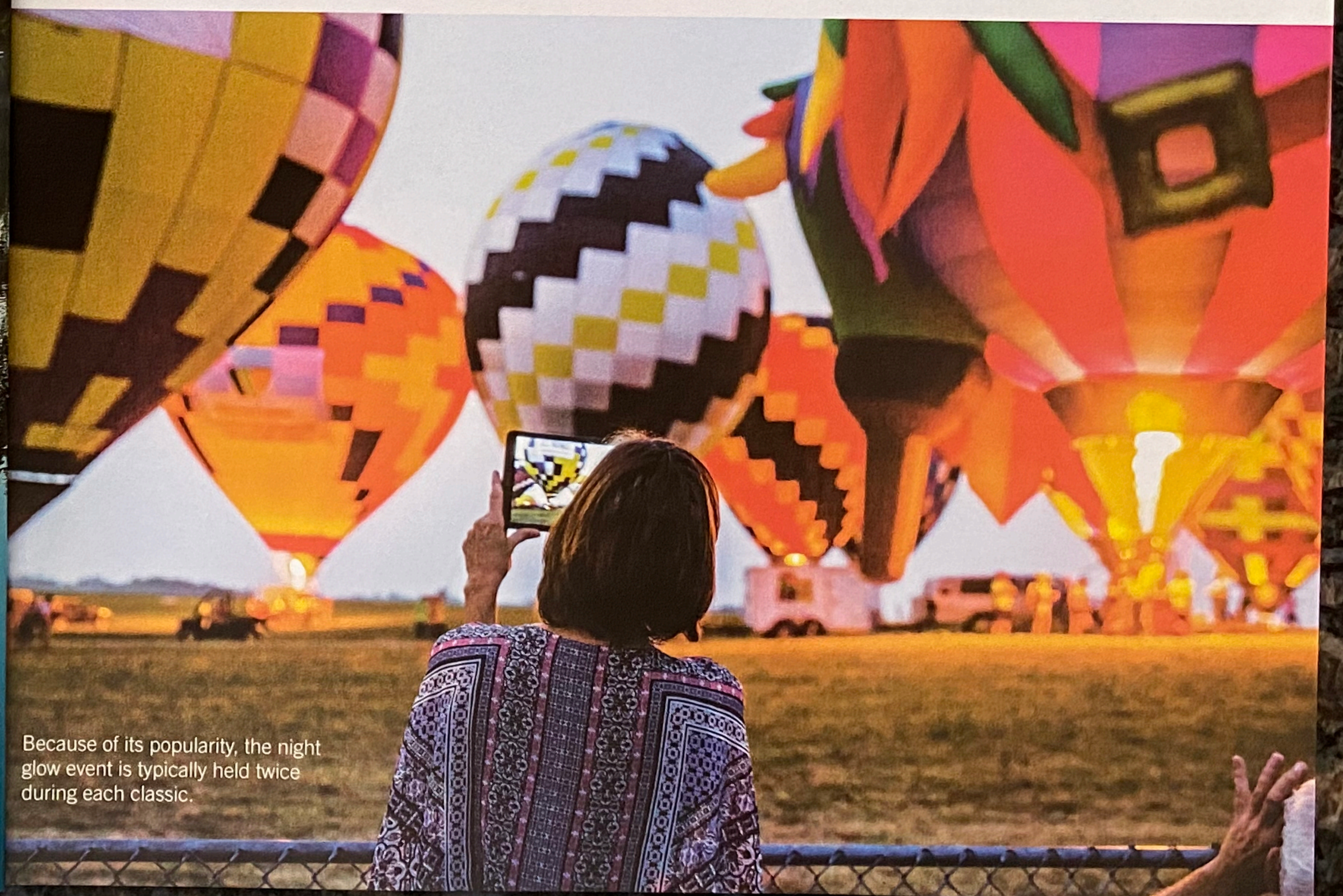
During the morning competition flights, balloonists lift off from area locations and travel back to balloon field in Indianola. One of the best places to view the morning liftoffs is Banner Lakes at Summerset State Park north of Indianola.



Be sure to bring your camera or phone. There are lots of beautiful views at the National Balloon Classic. This year's event will be held July 27 through August 4. Learn more at [balloonclassic.com](http://balloonclassic.com).



Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket to the field so you can lean back and catch views like this.



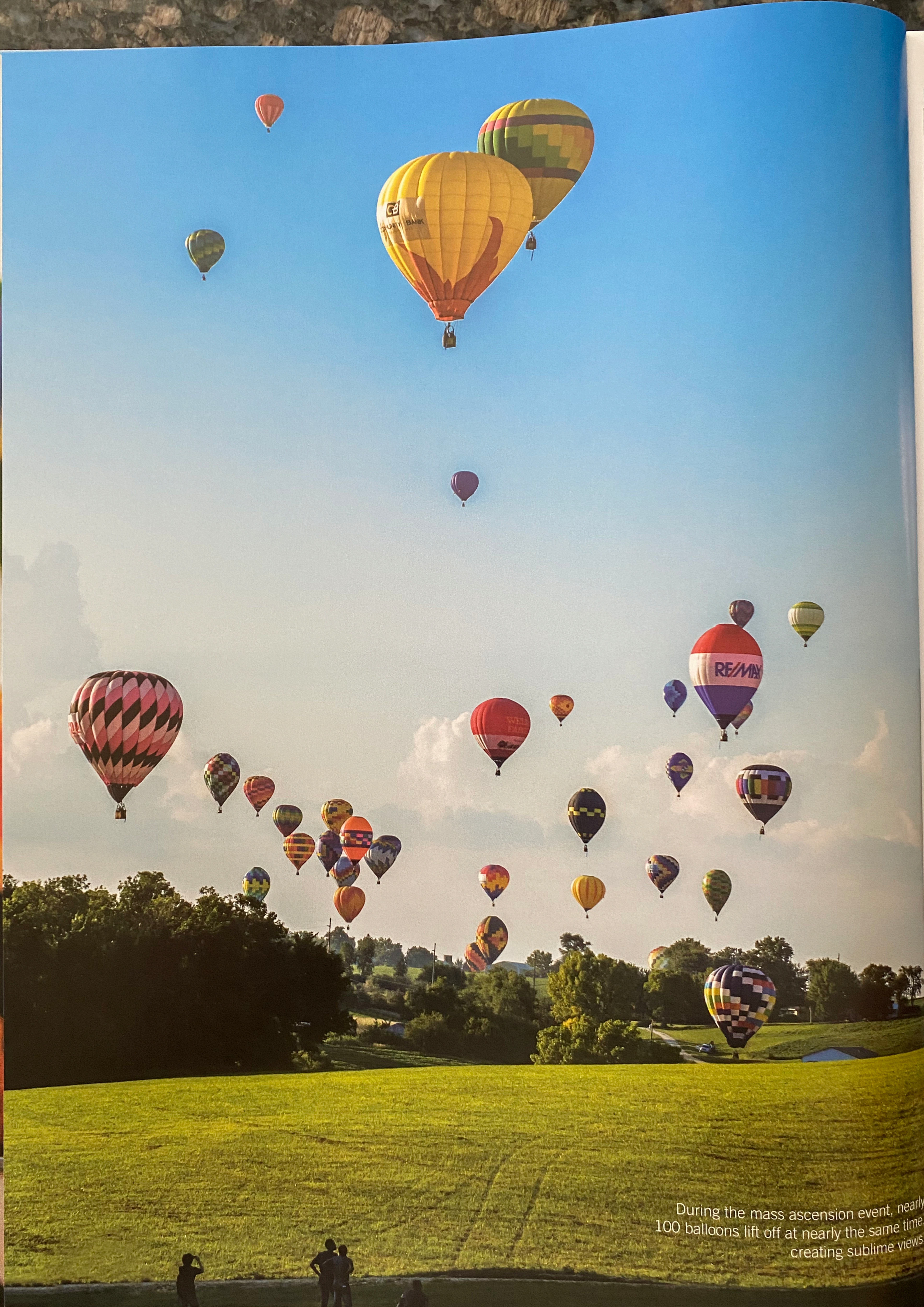
Because of its popularity, the night glow event is typically held twice during each classic.





Families wait outside the gates prior to the night glow. Once the balloons are all anchored down, the gates open and people are allowed to walk out on the field with the balloons.





During the mass ascension event, nearly 100 balloons lift off at nearly the same time, creating sublime views.



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