

BALLOON ADVENTURES

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Flight Guidelines

Pre-flight

- The balloon system will be laid out and rigged. You may be asked to help in which case there will be further instructions.
- A large fan is used for 'cold inflation'. Please stay clear of the fan(s), it can be very dangerous. E.g. Articles of clothing and debris can get sucked into the fan(s). Debris going through the fan can damage the balloon or be expelled from the fan in an unpredictable way.
- Be careful around the tie down line connecting the basket to the chase vehicle.
- Once the balloon and basket are upright, the pilot will call the passengers to climb aboard. Once in the basket, the pilot will direct you where to stand during the launch. The pilot needs full visibility. Once the balloon is safely aloft, passengers may reposition for the best view.
- The basket may rock back and forth. This is natural once the balloon is inflated, especially if there is some ground wind. If this occurs, hold onto the handles or the upper structure. The pilot will continuously ignite the burners until the balloon reaches the proper temperature for launch. You WILL experience radiant heat from the burner. For this reason, we recommend that you wear a tight fitting hat (like a baseball hat).

FLYING:

- You will spend the first 10-15 minutes becoming accustomed to the feel of the balloon. You may stand anywhere in the basket during flight.
- If we are a few hundred feet above the ground (low flying), be watchful for hazards. Report any power lines and poles, towers or anything you have a concern about to the pilot.
- RELAX and enjoy the flight. THIS IS A FUN TIME! We encourage cameras (strapped to your wrist or neck).

LANDING

- High wind landing – If the winds pick up, the basket may tip over on its side and drag during the landing. Just stay in the basket and hold on. DO NOT JUMP OUT OF THE BASKET.
- You will be informed of the pilot's intentions regarding the type and location of landing. The landing could be feather soft to bumpy and very much is dependant upon the wind conditions during landing.
- While landing, face in the direction of the landing. BEND your knees so you can absorb the impact of the landing. Do not stiffen up.
- Keep ALL body parts inside the basket and hold on to the handles or the upper structure.
- The basket may touch the ground more than one time before it comes to a final stop. If this is the case, prepare yourself to catch your body from lunging forward.
- DO NOT GET OUT OF THE BASKET UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO BY THE PILOT. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOUR SAFETY AS WELL AS THE SAFETY OF THE OTHER PASSENGERS ON BOARD.

I have read and understand the information provided in the set of guidelines and the passengers boarding pass.

Passenger Signature _____ Date _____

ASSIGNED PARENT OR GUARDIAN IF YOU ARE NOT 18: _____
(parent or guardian must be present at launch)