

FLOAT ON AIR Passenger Briefing

The safety of ballooning depends on the things we do to make it safe.

There is **NO SMOKING** allowed anywhere near the balloon or van.

Always follow the instructions of the crew chief and/or pilot. Federal Aviation Regulations apply to balloons just as to any other aircraft. Let the pilot or crew chief know if you have any medical conditions or limitations. Be sure to use a restroom before the flight, as there are no facilities on board.

While the balloon is being set up, you will be asked to help. Always wear leather gloves when working around the balloon. You need to wear cotton or wool clothing that covers your arms and legs (preferably in layers). You also need sturdy shoes. Do not try to lift or pull more than you are capable of. Be particularly careful around the fan, the basket, and any lines or ropes.

When you are asked to enter the basket, quickly use the step hole in the back of the basket (the front is always the direction the wind is blowing toward). Slide one leg over the top of the basket and sit on the edge. Then slide the other leg over the top and ease yourself down to the floor of the basket. **DO NOT TOUCH** any hoses, valves, instruments, lines, or ropes.

During the flight you may move around in the basket and take photographs, always allowing room for the pilot to see and do what is necessary. There are rope handles on the inside of the basket that you can use during the flight if you choose to. It's OK to ask questions of the pilot, but he will not answer when he is busy and long conversations should be avoided.

Prior to landing, you will be asked to stow your camera (so nobody gets hit with it) and to face the rear of the basket holding **TWO ROPE HANDLES**. Just prior to landing you will be asked to **BEND YOUR KNEES** slightly. This is particularly important if the balloon is descending quickly. Depending on the speed of the wind, the basket may touch the ground, tip over, lift off the ground again, swing back and forth, and then repeat the sequence more than once. You need to **HOLD ON** during the entire process and **DO NOT GET OUT OF THE BASKET** until the pilot specifically taps you on the shoulder and tells you to.

The balloon may land on private property. After getting permission from the landowner, we want to pack up and get out as quickly as possible without disturbing the property any more than is necessary. You will be asked to help with packing up the balloon. Again, follow the instructions of the crew chief and/or pilot.

Print and sign your name below to indicate that you have read and understood this briefing and will comply with the instructions of the pilot and crew chief.

PRINT NAME IN THIS COLUMN	SIGN NAME IN THIS COLUMN

Date:

Launch Site: