

School Program Guidelines

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Thank you for expressing your desire to participate in BelleStar's - Balloons to Schools program.

These set of guidelines have been prepared to help communicate the scope of the program and the responsibilities that are expected of both the school and the participating pilots.

1. The typical appearance of a hot air balloon at a school may include a presentation by the pilot in an indoor group setting and then taking the students out doors to see an inflated hot air balloon.
2. **If the conditions allow:**
 - a. We will inflate one of our hot air balloons in a static display for the students to approach and get a hands-on experience.
 - b. If the wind limits are in a safe range, teachers, principals, PTA leaders and other adults (within certain weight limits) may be given the opportunity to "fly" in a balloon which will be tethered to the ground. The participating adults will be asked to sign a liability waiver before participating.
3. **If the weather conditions do not allow** for the inflation of a balloon the pilot will do an alternative presentation involving the basket, burners and other equipment needed for flight.
4. **Under no circumstances will student rides be permitted.**
5. The **typical optimum time for the presentation is the first thing in the school day**. Presentations based upon the expectations that a hot air balloon can be inflated later than 9:30 am can be problematic. Please consult with us for details.
6. The school must confirm that they can provide the following:
 - a. **School and school district administration must provide all written permission and approvals** necessary to inflate a hot air balloon on the school's premises.
 - b. The school **MUST** have an **area of at least 125 ft by 125 ft** of grass and clear of obstructions. We will need to drive **multiple vehicles on the surface to use as anchor points**.
 - c. The school must be prepared to have **four strong adults** to assist with the ropes and tether lines, as well as staff to supervise all students in the proximity of the hot air balloon.
 - d. The school should be prepared to **provide two SUV's or trucks with trailer hitches** to act as anchor points for the tether lines.
 - e. The school should have visual equipment to **support the use of a PowerPoint and video presentations**. The pilots will bring the presentation to the school on either a USB thumb drive or on a CD.
 - f. It is advisable to provide a **courtesy notice to the local police and fire department** that a hot air balloon will be at the school. It will allow them to manage their calls and it may be interesting for them.
7. The pilots will contact the school approximately one week before the scheduled presentation to confirm the facilities.

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Thanks again for you participation.