

PASSENGER INFORMATION SHEET

Welcome to the very special sport of ballooning.

A hot air balloon ride is a thrilling way to see the earth from a perspective otherwise available only to birds on wing. Only in a balloon do the passengers share the "front view" with the pilot in the cockpit.

While ballooning has an admirable safety record, there are precautions which you should observe in order to make a pleasant and safe journey. For your safety and enjoyment on this flight, please observe the following:

CLOTHING: Only flat-soled shoes may be worn. Work boots are preferred, as the landing field is often rough uneven ground where walking may be difficult. Long sleeves and long pants are highly recommended to protect from insects and weeds at the landing. Cotton or other non-synthetic clothing is recommended. Hair spray is not recommended, as it is very volatile, and in a hot air balloon there is a constant source of flame overhead. If hair spray is used, the head should be covered with a cap, helmet, or scarf.

Balloons usually land in unused fields which may be home for weeds, poison ivy, many insects and small animals. If you are allergic to any plants or animals you should consider making you flight during the winter months, or in an area where the flora and fauna won't trouble you.

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR: On board the balloon is protective headgear for all passengers. It is recommended that this headgear be worn whenever there is thermic activity or when the surface wind speed is greater than 10 MPH on landing or take-off, and is required to be worn if instructed by the pilot.

PRE-FLIGHT BRIEFING: Your pilot will show you the control lines for venting and deflating the balloon. Please do not pull these lines unless requested by the pilot. Please do not turn any handles on tanks, the burner, or instruments unless requested by the pilot.

IN FLIGHT: Do not lean out of the balloon. Do not touch controls (ropes and valves) unless requested by the pilot.

SMOKING: No smoking is permitted during the flight.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Alcoholic beverages are not permitted during the flight or in the chase vehicle. Once we are off private property at the landing, before returning to our start place, alcoholic beverages are permitted.

LANDINGS: The pilot will brief the passengers on the proper places to hold on for landings, what direction to face, and how to flex knees to absorb shock.

Passenger should pay close attention to this briefing, and make a practice hold-on before taking off. DO NOT hold onto any fuel hoses, ropes, burner frame, or upright cables or poles. There are hand-holds woven into the basket, and the rim of the tanks may also be used for holding on.

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Holding on tightly, even during calm landings, is important to prevent possible injuries. Nearly all landings cause a bounce or jolt which can cause the pilot and passengers to fall off balance.

WARNING! DANGER

DO NOT ALLOW ANY PART OF THE BODY, INCLUDING HANDS, TO WRAP AROUND THE UPRIGHT POLES ON LANDINGS.

BASKET TIPPING OVER: A normal landing in breezy conditions will often tip the basket onto the side and the envelope will pull the basket some distance across the ground either tilted or on its side. Passengers should be aware that there is a *great likelihood* of this occurring, and should not make the flight if you are not able to sustain a fall without probable injury. Any previous injury to or weakness in the back, legs, or arms should be mentioned to your pilot, and you and your pilot should agree on where you will stand during the landing to prevent any recurrence of injury.

DO NOT EXIT FROM THE BASKET UNTIL TOLD TO DO SO BY PILOT. When a person's weight is removed from the basket, the balloon may be light enough to rise again without adding more heat. Your premature exit from the balloon may cause the balloon to return airborne when the pilot is not prepared to continue the flight.

The single most serious emergency which could occur is for the pilot to become incapacitated during flight or on a landing. Ask your pilot to explain how the balloon responds to the burner and deflation line before flight commences.

Briefly, the deflation panel in the top of the balloon is opened by pulling the red rope coming down from the envelope. This rope will dump large quantities of hot air rapidly when it is pulled hand-over-hand 6 or 7 times. In the unlikely event that the pilot for any reason becomes incapacitated during flight or landing, it is important for passengers to know where this line is and how to operate it. If the basket is within about 20 feet of the ground, pull the red line as hard and as quickly as possible. Above that altitude do not pull the red line.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES: Complete Emergency Procedures for the balloon are located in the Aircraft Flight Manual on board the balloon. If you wish you may read this manual.

AFTER THE LANDING: The burner remains hot after landing. Do not touch.

The field is often rough at landings. Do not walk away from the balloon unless equipped with proper shoes.

There may be cattle or other livestock in the field. The cattle may be excited by the balloon. For security, remain with the balloon until the crew arrives.

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The information on the previous two pages is provided to make your flight more enjoyable and secure. Please feel free to call Billy Green before your scheduled flight at 502-817-9652 or <u>billyrgreen@hotmail.com</u> if you have any questions.

PASSENGER WARNING

The hot air balloon in which you will fly cannot protect passengers from injury or death if any part of the balloon or basket is in contact with powerlines. Warn your pilot if powerlines are in vicinity of balloon.

Hot air ballooning can be a hazardous for persons riding in the balloon and hard landings may result in injuries to occupants of the balloon.

The balloon must be operated by an FAA licensed balloon pilot and must be maintained in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulations.

Normal takeoff and landing procedures and emergency procedures are explained in the Aircraft Flight Manual which must be on board the aircraft.

To avoid injuries, pilots are advised to brief passengers on proper normal and emergency landing procedures, hand-hold locations, appropriate clothing and footwear, and location of helmets. Helmets are required for all occupants on board and must be worn during emergency procedures as well as any other time deemed necessary by the pilot. Helmets are strongly recommended for use during thermic conditions and for landing in winds in excess of 10 MPH. Full details of briefing are included in the Balloon Flight Manual.

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have read the above information about the sport of ballooning and recognize there is a risk of injury in making a balloon flight. I assume full responsibility for my own safety, and hold the pilot of the balloon, the owner of the balloon, and the manufacture of the bling harmless in the event I am injured as a result of making a balloon flight.

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