



**FlyBalloons LLC, Flyballoons.net & Balloon Depot Charters**  
RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (please print your name) understand that my participation in a hot air balloon flight is a potentially hazardous activity. I further understand during my participation in a hot air balloon flight, I will be exposed to above normal risks of injury, that I share the responsibility for safety in flight and accept that responsibility, and that although the pilot precautions to provide equipment and safety preparations for each flight, it is impossible for the pilot to guarantee absolute safety. Therefore I release **FlyBalloons LLC, Flyballoons.net & Balloon Depot Charters**, including pilots Ted Gauthier, Dawn McKenzie, Joey Gauthier, Marty Gauthier, Shawn Raya, DJ Wertman, Steve Miller and their insurance companies, officers, volunteers, crew, employees and agents from any and all liability responsibility or damages for any injury or loss or damage to myself or my property including court costs and reasonable attorney fees as to any cause of action available to me arising out of or in connection with my participation in a hot air balloon ride.

I have accepted responsibility to verify with my physician that I have no physical or psychological problems that would pose a threat to the health and safety to myself and all occupants on board and I agree to comply with the instructions and directions of my pilot during the flight and with all rules relating to participation in the hot air balloon flight. I have received, read and understand the Ballooning Procedures and Facts, which appear on the back of this form, prior to my flight.

All Passengers Must be able to climb in and out of the balloon basket under his/her own power (there is not a door) and be able to stand throughout the duration of the flight

2. Be able to communicate with and receive instructions from the pilot
3. Be able to hold onto the basket and bend knees to absorb any impact on landing
4. Be able to withstand the basket tipping over and dragging along the ground and the likelihood of other passengers bumping into or landing on top of them during landing
5. Be able to walk back to the chase vehicle under his/her own power after landing
6. Be in good physical condition (i.e. no recent surgeries - not pregnant - no known communicable diseases - no skeletal injuries or fractures - no physical impairments of any kind which would place him/herself and the other occupants of the balloon in danger of injury). We recommend that any passenger with a history of hip, knee, ankle or back problems be cautious and consult a doctor prior to booking the flight. The Balloon Depot and its pilots reserve the right to decline to accept any passengers should such persons health, age, physical condition or general deportment impede the operation and safety of those participating in the flight. Your safety is our primary concern.

Rules to Observe During Inflation of the Balloon:

1. Make yourself familiar with the danger zones around the balloon, inflator fan, burner/basket area
2. Do not leave the vicinity of the balloon once the inflation has started
3. Stand clear of all ropes and lines
4. While the inflator fan is running, stand back at least 20 feet from the basket and balloon
5. Do not stand or walk on any part of the balloon

Rules to Observe at All Times While in the Basket:

1. Do not touch the red vent line leading to the top of the balloon
2. Do not sit on the edge of the basket
3. Do not touch any of the instruments or tank valves

Landing Procedure to Be Followed:

1. Feet and shoulders need to face in the direction that the balloon is traveling
2. Hold firmly onto something sturdy to balance yourself. Your pilot can show you good places to hold.
3. Bend your knees slightly prior to landing to absorb any shock when the balloon touches down
4. Do not exit the basket until told to do so by the pilot. Once you are told to exit the basket, make sure to continue to hold your weight down on the basket. When a passenger exits the basket, the balloon is that much lighter and could take off again unless there continues to be weight held on the basket.

**I further understand and agree that this release is to be binding upon my heirs and assigns. Finally, I hereby agree that I am voluntarily participating in this hot air balloon flight.**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**A parent or guardian signature is required for those under 18 years of age:**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_