



August 16, 2007

Greetings Teachers:

The Great Reno Balloon Race in partnership with Washoe County School District invites your classroom to discover the wonders and excitement of lighter-than-air flight by participating in the E.L. Cord Tissue Paper Balloon Launch taking place on Thursday, September 6th and Friday, September 9th, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park.

Project Description:

In the week leading up to the Great Reno Balloon Race, your class will construct a model hot-air balloon out of tissue paper following a prescribed set of directions. Your class will then join hundreds of other students from around the Washoe County School District on the morning of either Thursday, September 6th or Friday, September 7th, to launch their balloons.

Curriculum/Project Directions:

To view the Tissue Paper Balloon Curriculum, please visit the Great Reno Balloon Race Website at www.renoballoon.com. Click on the "about" link at the top of the home page and then click on the "teaching resources" link on the left hand side of the next page. You will find a PDF of the curriculum there. If you have questions regarding curriculum, you can contact Lou Loftin at lloftin@washoe.k12.nv.us or (775) 722-8606.

Application:

Please fill out and remit the attached application via fax at (775) 829-2987, by no later than Friday, August 31st. Registration will be limited to the first 60 teachers who apply. Flight dates will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

Also included in this packet is information in regards to having a hot-air balloon launch from your school on Thursday, September 6th. Our number of participating pilots in this program is limited, therefore schools will be assigned a balloon on a first come, first serve basis. We look forward to sharing this unique, hands-on learning opportunity with you and your students.

Best regards,

Victor Leyba

Event Coordinator
The Great Reno Balloon Race
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E.L. Cord Tissue Paper Balloon Launch Application

School:

Teacher & Grade:

School Location & Phone Number:

Of Students Participating:

Launch dates will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Please order your preference between the two days below:

_____ Thursday, September 6th

_____ Friday, September 7th

Your e-mail:

Approximate Number of Balloons To Be Launched At Rancho San Rafael Park:

Curriculum: You will find the curriculum on the Great Reno Balloon Race website at www.renoballoon.com. Click on the "about" link and then the "teaching resources" link.

Time and Date: The Launch will take place on Thursday, September 6th and Friday, September 7th. Please arrive at the launch field at Rancho San Rafael Park between 9:30 and 9:45 a.m. at the latest.

Transportation: Once registered for the Tissue Paper Balloon Launch, teachers from the Washoe County School District must register for a school bus through the District ASAP. There is a section on the reservation form to designate who is to be billed for transportation costs. Please list The Great Reno Balloon Race, P.O. Box 12695, Reno, NV 89510 Attn: Victor, as the group to be billed. Also, once your registration is confirmed through the district please send a confirmation note to Victor at victor@o-apr.com.

Do you want a hot-air balloon to launch from your school on Thursday, September 7th?

(Balloons would launch between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m.)

Yes No

If yes, a signature from the principal must appear on the line:

Please fax form back to (775) 829-2987 before 5 p.m. Friday, August 31.

Curriculum information contact is Lou Loftin at (775) 722-8606 or at lloftin@washoe.k12.nv.us.

Participation at the E.L. Cord Foundation Tissue Paper Balloon Launch is limited to first 60 teachers that sign-up.



E.L. Cord Foundation Tissue Paper Balloon Launch

Supplies Reimbursement Form

Teachers who participate in the E.L. Cord Foundation Tissue Paper Balloon Launch are eligible for a reimbursement of funds used to implement this program in their classroom. Please make sure to have a Balloon Race representative sign-off on the form and submit it when you check in at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park the day of the launch.

Date:

Teacher's Name:

School and Address:

Description of Materials Purchased:

Total Amount Due (receipts must accompany this form):

Official Use Only

Signed by The Great Reno Balloon Race representative:

Should you fail to turn submit this form at the launch, it must be submitted no later than Mon. Sept. 24th. Mail to: Victor Leyba, The Great Reno Balloon Race, 465 Court St., Reno, NV 89501.