

# Gentle Breeze Hot Air Balloon Co., Ltd

2460 Greentree Rd Lebanon, OH 45036 Flying since 1981 ~ Established 1988

## Confirmation

The enclosed information is recommended to review prior to your flight for scheduling & preparation for your exciting adventure.

#### **Scheduling Options**:

- Call: 513-932-9007
- Email: Ballooning@HotAirBalloonRides.com
- Online Reservations: <a href="http://www.hotairballoonrides.com/Schedule">http://www.hotairballoonrides.com/Schedule</a>

Some tickets / vouchers may have scheduling restrictions. For safe flying, we only schedule a sunrise flight & 2-1/2 hours prior to sunset. For weathered cancelled flights, contact us to reschedule or go to our website to view & book through the online calendar.

The pilots are the sole decision makers regarding flying, scheduling, confirming or postponements of flights due to inclement weather. ALL flights are weather permitting & are at safety discretion.

Last minute changes may occur, including launch sites, due to wind & weather;

Please check the flight line for updates & cancellations.

#### ARE YOU FLYING? CALL the Flight Line: 513-933-UFLY (8359)

The recording advises whether a 'go', 'no-go' or a 'weather hold' status. Listen carefully to the entire recorded message. You are responsible for calling the flight line; a representative will not be calling you. Don't take for granted that your flight is a 'go' - call the flight line, there could be a weather condition in or approaching the area.

Sunrise Flights: After 9:00pm the evening PRIOR to your flight.

#### Sunset Flights: After 3:00pm the day of your flight.

(\*When NOT observing day light saving time, the flight line will be updated by 1:30pm EST.)

#### Timing, Checking In & Flight Duration

Flights generally are 40-60 minutes, allow 3 to 4 hours for the entire experience. Please check in upto 15 minutes prior to the scheduled meeting times.

\*\*Rest room facilities are NOT always available. Please make sure you plan ahead.\*\*

NO OPENED TOED SHOES, SANDELS OR HIGH HEELS PERMITTED. Proper footwear is required.

All passengers receive a pre-flight briefing prior to flight. It is very important & courtesy to others to be on time. We are on a time sensitive flight window. A late start could result in a shortened flight. Post flight, passengers enjoy complimentary refreshments or sparkling wine\* for the balloonist prayer celebration! (\*Must be 21 years old for any alcoholic refreshments.) Non-alcoholic & personalized flight certificates available upon request.

### Carry-on Luggage & Cell Phones

Due to limited space on board, handbags, backpacks & large camera bags remain on the ground. - Think cozy.

For consideration of others, pilot's concentration, FCC regulations, radio interference with the pilot's radios & on board instrumentation, small hand-held radios are NOT permitted on board during flight. Use of cell phones are permitted for photos ONLY and must be turn on silent mode.

#### **Photography**

We encourage guests bring hand-held camera equipment. Remember, limited basket space: *think small*. We are NOT RESPONSIBLE for any equipment. We recommend using wrist straps instead of the neck straps where possible. Our larger balloons are equipped with an onboard camera. Photos are downloaded to a USB drive for purchase.

### **Weather Conditions**

Ballooning is dependent on the weather & we do have to follow Federal Aviation requirements. We are continually watching the weather, maps & radar. In addition, we receive daily detailed aviation weather briefings. Some of the weather conditions we watch closely are; ground winds less than 6 mph, winds at altitude, cloud layers, visibility or any chance of fog forming, precipitation & storms within a 75-mile radius of the launch area. We do not make any decisions on the long-term forecasts commonly available as these types of forecasts represent a 'best guess' of weather patterns verses detailed analysis. Aviation forecasts are valid for less than 24 hours.

We take safety first & may postpone flights due to inclement weather, frigid temperatures or heat warnings & advisories.

**Please Note:** With student pilots, sport balloonists, advertising balloons & other balloons in the area. They may fly with less than perfect or marginal conditions. Generally not a problem, but we aim to keep our perfect safety record & YOU safe, by opting not fly passengers in marginal conditions. We apply our 35 years' experience & knowledge of ballooning, to keep it a safe & enjoyable for everyone to experience. Safety is always first.

### Friends & Family

We welcome friends & family to watch your launch & allow them up close to the balloons. Occasionally we must move our launch site. We will transport all passengers to & from & highly recommend additional guests arrive at the appointed check-in time in order to catch last minute changes. Note we share the launch facility with other air sports activities; airport etiquette is a **must** for all. Please review the parking map prior to arriving. Guests should also attend any supplementary briefing.

Have guests following your flight? OK! However, we request only one (1) vehicle from your group to follow for traffic, & logistics purposes & to limit a lengthy entourage. Guests will receive a supplemental briefing at your appointed check in time, please ensure they arrive on time. Proper etiquette for driving participants requires proper traffic procedures, **not** driving on private property & remaining clear of the balloon & crew during the chase & at the landing site. For all private property landings, we obtain permission to enter for only the balloon recovery vehicle, all additional vehicles must remain clear. Please respect the landing zone's owners' privacy as well as any restrictions on public property.

We want you to feel relaxed, comfortable & remember to HAVE FUN, this is your day! Your staff gained 35+ years' experience in order to bring you a <u>safe</u> and enjoyable adventure!

~ Gratuity for your crew is optional but greatly appreciated. ~

## Laurie Givin & Brian Trapp

Office: 513-932-9007 ~ Flight Line: 513-933-UFLY (8359) Flight documentation & directions: <a href="https://www.hotairballoonrides.com/Flight-Documents/">https://www.hotairballoonrides.com/Flight-Documents/</a>			
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Flight Date:		Shared Flight #:	
Check In Time:		Standard #:	
Briefing Time:		Private Flight #:	
Location:	Lebanon Warren County Airport	Rate expires:	
	Hangar 8J 2460 Greentree Rd.		
	Lebanon, OH 45036	# of Passengers:	