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Make your dreams, or someone else's, come true with a hot air balloon ride.

We provide hot air ballooning adventures in the Bay City, Midland, and Saginaw areas.

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## Frequently Asked Questions:

### What is the ride like?

Rides usually last about 45-60 minutes, depending on available landing sites. Generally, we fly between treetop level and a few thousand feet. Balloons float with the wind, so you don't feel turbulence like you would in a plane. Even people with a fear of heights have flown and enjoyed it.

Landings can be very smooth and gentle, or rough and bumpy, depending on the speed of the wind.

### Where do we launch and land?

We have several take-off spots around the Tri-Cities. When determining a launch site, we need to consider wind direction and available landing sites. We call the day of your flight to let you know where and at what time we will fly. Balloons cannot steer, we simply go where the wind blows us, so we never know where we will land. It may be an unplanted farm field, an overgrown field, school or church yard, or even a backyard. Our chase crew follows along in the van and will pick us up when we land.

### What should we wear?

Dress comfortably for the weather on the ground. In cooler weather, layers are recommended. Keep in mind that we do not know where we will land. If we land in an overgrown field with pickers and poison ivy, you will be glad that you wore long pants and sturdy

shoes. Shorts, sandals, and high-heels are strongly discouraged. It is also possible that you will get dirty. Hats are a good idea, especially for taller people, because you may feel the heat from the burners.

### When do you fly?

Balloons can only fly twice a day—either just after sunrise or in the couple hours before sunset. During the day, the upper winds are not good for balloon flights. We can fly year round, but we do the most flying from May through November.

Ballooning is very dependent on weather conditions. Surface winds must be 9 mph or less. Surface winds are just one of several things the pilot considers when determining whether or not to fly. Safety is our main concern, so please be patient if you have to reschedule several times. When you do fly, it will be worth the wait.

### Are there any restrictions?

For safety reasons, children who are less than 70 pounds or not tall enough to see over the edge of the basket, are best left on the ground. Passengers should be in fairly good condition in order to be able to climb into the basket and withstand a possibly rough landing.

Smoking is strictly prohibited around the balloon as we use propane, which is highly flammable, for fuel.

### What else should I know?

Sky Dancer Balloon Rides is owned and operated by Brian and Lisa Gano, both commercially certified by the Federal Aviation Administration to fly hot air balloons.

Most passengers want to enjoy the total experience of ballooning and participate in inflating and deflating the balloon. We will show you what you need to know.

Allow about three hours from the time we reach the launch field until the time we get back.

We have two balloons that can each take 2 or 3 passengers at a time (occasionally 4 depending on overall weight). If necessary, we can fly both balloons to accommodate your group size.

We are available to do assemblies at schools. Weather permitting, we will demonstrate the inflation, do some tethered ascents, let the children walk inside the balloon, and get some volunteers to help deflate it at the end.

Reservations and a deposit are required. Gift certificates are available and are good for one year from date of purchase. All flight packages are non-refundable.