



# Academic Entertainment

Outstanding School Assemblies

## Up and Away

*with Hot Air Balloons*

***The excitement of a hot air balloon at your school launches a unique educational opportunity.***

The natural wonder of the hot air balloon combines with a wealth of teaching knowledge to educate and inspire. An informative slide-show presentation and a thrilling live inflation, and one or two balloon rides, creates a one-of-a-kind experience for audiences of all ages.



***An illustrative slide show presentation sets the stage for the adventure to come.***

Because experience increases enjoyment, students learn about how balloons work, and practical applications before the live demonstration. Many subjects covered include: the history of ballooning and aviation; the effect of weather; and the mechanics of ballooning. This segment of the program can be tailored to emphasize various subjects including science or reading.

***Experience the hot air balloon in action... inflated and up close and personal!***

The live inflation of a real hot air balloon is a magnificent and inspiring sight to always be remembered. After the balloon is upright, and weather permitting, a few volunteers may be able to go on a short ride. The indoor demonstration is just as exciting, more up-close-and-personal, and even more educational!



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### ***Program Specifications***

**Length of slide-show presentation:** Approx. 30 min.

**Length of balloon demonstration:** Approx. 45 min.

**Set up:** We will arrive at your building at least one hour prior to start time.

**Pack up:** Approx. 30 min.

#### **Audience Size**

**Outdoor demonstration:** No limit.

**Indoor demonstration:** Depends on size of the facility. The balloon has the capacity to fit between 400-500 students.

**Slide talk:** No specific limit, teaching is better with smaller groups and narrower age ranges. If your school has 500 students in grades K-5 we could do one talk for everyone. But quality of learning will probably be better with two or three groups.

#### **Presentation Area**

**Outdoors:** Approx. 200' x 200', preferable a grassy surface. Must be free of obstacles including power lines.

**Indoors:** Height of ceiling is NOT an issue. Lighting IS an issue—slide show requires a t least partially darkened area. Gymnasium, cafeteria, or multi-purpose room is fine.

#### **Equipment Requirements**

- Access to electrical outlets
- PA System if available
- Media cart or small table for projector
- Projection screen

#### **Assistance**

**Outdoor inflation:** Three to five able-bodied adults.

**Indoor inflation:** Two adults or reliable older students.

**Pack-up:** Two to three adults or equivalent student help.