Gibboney's Aerostation LLC

Tethered Rides

Policy and Procedures

Description of a Tether

A great way to taste the experience of a hot air balloon ride. It's a crowd pleaser at any party, festival or picnic. With the balloon securely anchored to the ground via a series of high-tensile strength ropes and carabineers, a hot air balloon ascends to a pre-determined height above the ground and crowd to a height of 100' or less. During a tether, passengers climb aboard the aircraft for a short ride. Rides generally last about 5 minutes, including the embarkation, ascent, decent and disembarkation. A general rule of thumb to follow when looking for a suitable site: allow 200' by 200' square feet of completely open area. When selecting an area, look for trees, towers, antennas, power lines and anything else that may damage the balloon or pose a safety risk. All passengers must sign an "Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability" before boarding the balloon.

Tether Pricing

The total package includes up to two hours of tethering plus set up, pack up and travel time*. Tether time starts when the cold inflation starts. That's when the fan is turned on and the balloon begins to inflate. Our tether/promotion package starts at $1500 for the first two hours while the additional hourly rate drops to a low $450 per hour. Billing for additional hours occur in 30-minute intervals after the first two hours. We will gladly quote a price for other specialty tethers or unusual circumstances. *(Travel includes areas within a 35-mile radius from Grove City, OH. Additional miles and time are billed at $1.00 per mile both ways.)

Site Inspection

To help clear up any questions about your location, we recommend a site inspection for tethers and special location launches. There is a minimum charge of $25.00 for all site inspections. If the site location is greater than 35 miles from Grove City, OH, there is an incremental charge of $0.50 per mile.

Deposits, Payments, and Cancellations

We require a $250.00 deposit in order to book a date. This fee applies to the overall total amount due. Balance due at the completion of the tether. A $100.00 non-refundable fee applies for cancellations up to within 48-hours of the event. A $250.00 non-refundable fee applies to cancellations with less than a 48-hours notice. Other options include rescheduling, where your deposit carries over.

Provision of Amenities

The Customer may be asked to provide; for the use of Gibboney's Aerostation LLC; the following amenities: a 200 ft x 200 ft dry and secure space (see above Description of a

Tether); tie-off vehicles heavier than 3000 pounds each, or suitable tie-off points; personnel to manage signatures of waivers; personnel to escort passengers to and from the balloon basket

Weather Parameters

All balloon activities are totally weather dependant. Windspeed and approaching weather systems have an impact on the decisions and the ability to safely tether the balloon, or when to discontinue the tether event. We will not tether when winds are consistently greater than 6 (six) miles per hour. We will stop if lightning is observed. Precipitation of any kind is not acceptable.

Cancellations due to weather

We monitor the weather very closely and require contact names and their phone numbers that will be available on the day of your event. Weather considerations may require cancellation, rescheduling or alternate balloon activities for your event. $50.00 of the deposit is retained if the balloon team has not left their home base or $100.00 is retained as an appearance fee, if the activity is cancelled on location and the balloon remains un-inflated.

Early Deflation

If the weather deteriorates to the point that the balloon must be deflated; One hour or less equals half of the total fare is required. Over one hour equals total cost due.

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