

PLANO AMATEUR RADIO BALLOON FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER ENROLLMENT FORM

(You do not need to fill this out if you already signed up online)

Call Sign: _____ Name: (PRINT) _____

T-Shirt Size: _____ (M,L,XL,XXL,XXXL(ADULTS SIZES ONLY))

Please Note: We will not have enough shirts for everybody. Staff and persons who work the most shifts get priority

E-Mail Address: (H) _____ (W) _____

Mobile Phone #: (____) _____ - _____

Home Phone #: (____) _____ - _____

Work Phone #: (____) _____ - _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

Over 18 Years Old: YES___ NO___ (If no, you need to have Parental or Guardian Consent signed on the back of this form)

Parental or Guardian

Signature: _____ Print: _____

Home Phone #: (____) _____ - _____ Mobile Phone #: (____) _____ - _____

EQUIPMENT THAT YOU HAVE AVAILABLE:

H.T. : 2M _____ / 70cm _____ Power: _____ watts

MOBILE: 2M _____ / 70cm _____ Power: _____ watts

MOBILE APRS: (Y / N) SSID: _____

PREFERRED SHIFTS (check any that apply)

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Fri Field			
Fri Talk-In			
Fri Recovery			

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sat Field			
Sat Talk-In			
Sat Recovery			

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sun Field			
Sun Talk-In			
Sun Recovery			

NOTE: You can not drive if you are under the age of 21.

If you do balloon recovery, who is your "Copilot"? _____ (full name)

MINOR PERMISSION TO WORK ON THE BALLOON LAUNCH FIELD
September 2008

The Plano Amateur Radio Klub provides public service communication during the Plano Balloon Festival. This service principally is provided to support the balloon operations during all phases (pre-flight, flight, and post-flight). We track and account for each balloon and its ground crew from the time it enters the launch field until the flight activities are terminated (regardless of whether it actually flew), the balloon has been recovered by its ground crew and the balloon has been refueled. During non-flight times we also provide manpower and communications to the festival public safety operations as needed and requested, mainly to assist in locating lost persons. We do not perform security or police or first responder functions.

Our work on the balloon launch field involves confirming the arrival, inflation, and lift-off of each balloon, and the subsequent departure of each ground crew. This requires the ham operator to be in proximity to the balloons and their vehicles before, during and after launch. Anywhere from 50 to 100 balloons/vehicles may be on the launch field at the same time. Also, balloons and crews may be in different stages of launch at the same time (one balloon being inflated, another lifting off, and still another's crew departing the field). Consequently, there are some risks to the ham operator. These risks include moving vehicles (usually some form of light truck or van), tethered and moving balloons (a balloon at start of flight with pilot and passengers may weigh 1000 pounds or more), and the use of flammable gases (propane). The Plano Balloon Festival has an excellent safety record. Safety for everyone in all aspects of the balloon operations is of paramount concern. The balloon operations section is organized in a structured manner (including the Balloonmeister, his safety officer, his weather officer, on-field balloon launch directors, and limitation of the numbers/types of persons on the launch field) in order to achieve safe and efficient operations. To my knowledge we have never had a ham radio operator injured during and as a result of balloon launch field operations at any Plano Balloon Festival.

John Beadles, N5OOM
Event Director
Plano Amateur Radio Klub

_____ has my permission to work with the Plano Amateur
Name
Radio Klub on the balloon launch field during active operations at the 2008 Plano
Balloon Festival.

Parent or Guardian

Date