

Hot Air Ballooning Tips

- Get a good night's **sleep** the night before flight.
- **Weather**—ballooning is weather dependent. The flight will be cancelled if conditions are not safe. We do not fly in rain, fog, or winds on surface forecasted to be in excess of 10 miles per hour. Pilot calls at 3:00 am day of flight for last minute weather conditions – and will call scheduled crew if weather conditions are not suitable for hot air balloon flight.
- **Clothing** – Do not wear loose clothing or clothing with drawstrings, as these can get tangled in ropes or caught up in the inflation fan. Wear layers of clothing, such as cotton tee shirt and cotton or wool jacket, to keep warm. Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes...you will be walking on uneven terrain. We will be meeting very early and it may be cold at the time that we get started with balloon activities. Wear old clothes, such as levis, t-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, hat – so you can take off layers as it gets warmer. You will get dirty.
 - Bring **leather gloves**, if you have them (if not, we have extra pairs).
 - Bring **whatever photo equipment you enjoy using; there will be ample photo opportunities.**
- **Come prepared to help crew** (unless physically unable), which includes set up of the balloon and taking it down. Even though you may have crewed before, every pilot has his/her own way of doing things. Wait for directions. If you are not flying, you will be in the chase vehicles following the balloon.
- **Pilot in command has the final call on when, where and who flies!**
Maximum of four people in the basket at any time (pilot + three others)
 - At all times, pay strict attention to the pilot and the crew chief. Enter or exit the balloon basket only when directed by either pilot or crew chief. Weight distribution is very important and one person getting in or out at the wrong time can make the balloon take off unexpectedly.
- if conditions permit, we will try to get multiple flights with several people getting an opportunity to fly.
- NOTE: Children are not allowed to fly without parents present and there is a minimum age requirement.
- We will enjoy a champagne brunch after the flight. **BRING YOUR APPETITE!**



Serenity Hot Air Ballooning
Clint & Claudia Silverman
(714) 842.0583 home
(714) 749.0595 cell

Serenity Hot Air Balloon website:
<http://mysite.verizon.net/res0ti5z/>

Directions to launch site in Perris, CA

We use an open field that was formerly Adventure Flights commercial ballooning area. It is located directly west of the Perris airport.

- Take 91 Freeway East towards Riverside

option 1:

- transition to 60 (Indio) and 215 (San Diego)
- take 215 to San Diego
 - pass March Air Force Base area
 - pass Ramona Expressway

option 2:

- take VanBuren exit off the 91 freeway (you will turn left from offramp, then immediately right onto VanBuren). Follow VanBuren for many miles until you reach the 215 to San Diego.
- exit "D" Street in Perris, continue on straight
 - turn left on 4th Street (Hwy 74) at signal
 - turn right on Perris Blvd (next light—approx 1/8 mile)
 - turn left on 11th Street . . . pass the apt complex on right
 - immediately turn right on Goetz. Continue down the street past a traffic signal, and then past the Perris Airport. Shortly after passing the airport, you will approach a line of Eucalyptus trees along the left side of the road. There will be an entrance on the left. Enter here. Look for Clint & Claudia's black "stealthy" Ford Expedition with a white Hot Air Balloon trailer. If you need to reach us *on the way to the balloon launch area*, we have our cell phone on and with us.
- The GPS coordinates for the site are N 33 degrees 45.546 minutes and W 117 degrees 13.410 minutes.

Watch a 9 minute video, from the 2009 Sonoma County Hot Air Balloon Classic by clicking on this link.

http://vimeo.com/moogaloop.swf?clip_id=6348908&server=vimeo.com&show_title=1&show_byline=1&show_portrait=0&color=&fullscreen=1



Serenity Hot Air Ballooning
Clint & Claudia Silverman
(714) 842.0583 home
(714) 749.0595 cell

Serenity Hot Air Balloon website:
<http://mysite.verizon.net/res0ti5z/>