

Frequently Asked Questions - Homeschool

Below are the answers to some of our most frequently asked questions.

About Homeschool Read to Succeed

What is Homeschool Read to Succeed?

Homeschool Read to Succeed is a free educational program sponsored by Six Flags Theme Parks. The program encourages students in grades K through 6 to engage in recreational reading. Students who complete six hours of recreational, non-school-related reading are eligible to earn a free admission ticket to a participating Six Flags Theme Park. Only students and teachers in homeschools that are registered are eligible to participate.

What is New This Year?

How has the program changed from last year?

Every year we take steps to improve the program. This year, we have three new changes:

- 1) Easier registration If you registered for the 2012-2013 program, you do not need to register again. When you login to your account, you will need to verify your information is correct and make any updates, if needed.
- 2) No mailing Student Reading Logs. This year, you will not need to mail in the Student Reading Logs. After you enter the student information in your online account, we do ask that you save the Student Reading Logs for your reference We may also conduct periodic reviews of Student Reading Logs, so please keep the Student Reading Logs in your files.
- 3) Educational Worksheets We will include fun, educational worksheets in your online account this year.

Eligibility

Who is eligible to participate?

The Read to Succeed program is designed for schools with grades K through 6. **ONLY** students in grades K through 6 are eligible to take part in the program. Teachers/Coordinators must register with the program to participate.

Can my pre-school students participate in Read to Succeed?

No, the program is only for students in grades K through 6. Students in other grades cannot participate.

Can students in grades 7 or higher participate in Read to Succeed?

No, the program is only for students in grades K through 6. Students in other grades cannot participate.

Can my special education students participate in Read to Succeed?

Yes, as long as the students are in grades K through 6, they can participate.

Can my Scout Troop participate in Read to Succeed?

No, the program is only open to schools.

Can After School or Day Care Facilities participate?

No, the program is only open to schools, not clubs or extended care organizations.

How to Register for the 2013-2014 Program and Receive Program Updates Who needs to register?

All homeschool teachers that want to participate in the program and receive a free Six Flags ticket must register online. Homeschool teachers must register before they can log their students' reading hours into their online account.

Is there a deadline for registration?

The deadline for registration is March 3, 2014 at 5pm Central Standard Time. Please note that this is also the deadline for entering students' names and reading hours in your online account (we recommend registering BEFORE winter break, as you will need to register before you can enter the students' hours).

How can I sign up my homeschool for the program?

Registration is easy! Visit <u>sixflags.com/read</u>. You can start by clicking on "Register for a new account" and follow the easy step by step process. All schools will be verified to determine eligibility. Please be sure you sign up with your school's physical address for this verification. Please also note that we need your email address to email your tickets to you in the spring.

Once my registration is complete, when will I need to use my email address and password?

You will need your email address and password to log in to your online account, where you can find program materials and log your students' reading hours. Your online account will be an important way for Six Flags to communicate with you.

My homeschool has participated in the past. Will we receive registration materials in the mail?

No. All program materials are available online. You will not receive a registration packet in the mail. Once your online account is set up, you will find the program materials in your online account.

My homeschool participated last year. Will I automatically be registered for the 2013-2014 school year? If you participated in the 2012-2013 Read to Succeed program, you do not need to register again. You do need to log in to your online account and verify that your information is correct.

My child also participates in a virtual class at a public school, does this mean we cannot participate?

If your child also attends a virtual class at a public school, you can only participate once through either the virtual school or your homeschool. If you choose to have your child participate through the virtual class, please know that you will not earn a teacher ticket. However, if you sign up as a home school, you will be eligible to receive a free teacher ticket.

How do I receive program updates?

Program updates will be emailed to the email address that you register with. Please include a secondary email address in case our emails are blocked by your school's firewall. In addition, updates will also appear in your online account.

My Online Account System

When will the online account system open?

Your online account will be set up as soon as your registration is complete! All student information and reading hours must be submitted through your online account **by 5pm Central Standard Time on March 3, 2014**.

How do I log into my online account?

You can log in to your online account by visiting the Read to Succeed page: sixflags.com/read and click on "Login". This will take you to the login page where you can enter your email address and password.

How can I edit my profile information in my online account?

You can edit your profile information by logging into your account and simply updating your information. Once you make an update, "SAVE" and "CANCEL" buttons will appear close to the bottom of your screen. You can click SAVE and the update will be saved. If you click CANCEL, the edit will not be saved.

How do I change my password?

Log into your online account and in "Your Profile" there will be a "Change Password" button next to your email address. Follow the direction in the Change Password window and click on the "Change Password" button to confirm the change. You can also click on "Cancel" to cancel the change.

What should I do if I forgot my password?

At the Login Page, select "I Don't Know My Password". The next screen will have you enter your email address. We will then email you your password. If you do not receive the email, please check your alternate/secondary email that you registered with. If the email is not in any of your 2 email accounts, then please click on "Contact us" and send us a note.

What should I do if my homeschool address is incorrect?

Make sure you enter a VALID physical address when you register. If your address needs to be updated, you can update the address in your online account.

What should I do if my park location is incorrect?

You can update the park location in your online account.

Do homeschools need a coordinator?

No, homeschools do not need a coordinator. Because every homeschool must sign up as an individual homeschool and not as a group, there is no need for a homeschool coordinator. The teacher that registers for each individual homeschool will receive the homeschool's tickets via email which will be printed at home. The total ticket count will include one student ticket for each participating homeschool student. The total ticket count will also include one teacher ticket only.

Mailed Programs

In previous years, I received a program in the mail. Will I receive one this year?

Schools will not receive a mailed program this year. All resources are available in your online account, including a downloadable student reading log and parent letter.

Parent Materials

Where can I find the student reading log and the parent letter?

For copies of the student reading log and the parent letter in English and Spanish, you will need to complete the registration and then log in to your online account. The reading log and parent letter will be available in your online account.

Spanish Translations

Are the forms available in Spanish?

Spanish versions of the Student Reading Log and the Parent Letter are available in your online account.

What Reading Counts for the Read to Succeed

What type of reading counts?

Recreational reading including newspapers, comic books, novels, and nonfiction will count. Students can read independently, or parents can read to younger students.

Does reading for school work or homework count?

No, students must complete six hours of recreational reading. Homework and class assignments do not count.

Reading Logs

Who is responsible for logging students' reading hours?

During the course of the program, students and parents are responsible for keeping track of the students' reading hours by writing on the Student Reading Log. Parents and guardians must verify the students' reading logs. After the students turn in their Student Reading Logs to their teacher, it is the home school teacher's responsibility to enter the students' information and hours in their online account.

How do I submit my students' reading hours?

Your online account will be set up once your registration is complete. This is where teachers will enter their students' information including the reading hours. Teachers and coordinators can input their students' information and reading hours in their online account **until 5pm Central Standard Time on March 3, 2014**.

Do I have to mail in my students' reading logs?

No. Once you have saved your students' information and reading hours in your online account, please save the Student Reading Logs for future reference. We may also conduct periodic reviews of Student Reading Logs, so please keep the Student Reading Logs in your files.

Saving Students Reading Hours

How do I save my students' reading hours in the online tracking system?

You first need to log into your online account, as mentioned above. There will be a "How to Enter Students" link in your account. Clicking on this link will explain how to input your students' reading hours.

Do I need to enter my students' full first and last names?

Yes, please enter the student's full first and last name. This information will not be shared.

Read to Succeed Deadlines

When is the deadline for students' to turn in reading logs to the teacher?

The deadline for the students' to turn in reading logs to the teacher is up to the individual teacher. Teachers should choose a date that leaves them enough time to enter their students' reading hours into their online account by **5pm Central Standard Time on March 3, 2014**.

When is the deadline to save student reading hours in the online account system?

All students' reading hours must be entered in the online account system by 5pm Central Standard Time on March 3, 2014.

Tickets

Can students earn more than one ticket?

No, students can only earn one ticket each, even if they complete more than 6 hours of recreational reading.

How can teachers earn a free Six Flags ticket?

Teachers who register their homeschool can earn a free Six Flags ticket if at least one or more of their students participate. Once a teacher records this information in their online account, their account will update to include one free teacher ticket.

I entered all of my students' into my online account. When should I receive my tickets?

Tickets will be emailed to the email address you registered with. Please expect your tickets to deliver via email in early May. All tickets must be printed from your home printer.

Will there be a family discount?

There is not a specific Read to Succeed parent discount. For the best deals and discounts, parents can purchase additional tickets at SixFlags.com.

When can the tickets be used?

Tickets will be emailed to the homeschool teachers. The ticket is valid for admission on select dates during the 2014 season. Valid dates will be included on the tickets. **Valid dates will not be extended**. Student tickets are valid for students in grades K - 6 only and are not valid for anyone over the age of 13. No exceptions. Each ticket is valid for one free admission only. Tickets are not for resale and are nontransferable. The tickets cannot be replaced if lost, stolen or damaged. The Read to Succeed tickets are for individual use only and **are not valid for use by groups, outings, school trips or educational special events** such as Outdoor Classroom Days, Math & Science Days, Physics Days, etc.

Can the valid dates be extended?

No, all Six Flags Read to Succeed tickets are programmed with the expiration date. They can't be extended or revised.

Parks Where Tickets Can Be Used

Can we use the tickets at a Six Flags water park or different park other than what is on my ticket?

No, the free admission tickets are only valid at the participating Six Flags Theme Parks listed on each ticket.

The following Six Flags theme parks are pleased to be part of the Six Flags Read to Succeed program:

Six Flags America, Baltimore, Maryland/Washington, DC

Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Vallejo, California

Six Flags Fiesta Texas, San Antonio, Texas

Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, New Jersey

Six Flags Great America, Chicago, Illinois

Six Flags Magic Mountain, Los Angeles, California

Six Flags New England, Springfield, Massachusetts

Six Flags Over Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia

Six Flags Over Texas, Arlington, Texas

Six Flags St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri

The Great Escape, Lake George, New York

Additional Help

I need more help – How do I reach Read to Succeed?

For help, send us an email by clicking on the "Contact Us" link on the Read to Succeed website or type this address into your web browser's address bar: https://feedback.sixflags.com/rts/contactus.aspx