2015 – 2016 Program Rules and Frequently Asked Questions

PROGRAM RULES

Eligibility

- Only schools with students in grades K through 6th are eligible to participate. Schools include traditional schools (public, private and parochial schools) and home schools.
- Teachers/Coordinators must register with the program at www.sixflags.com/read to participate.

Registration

- Registration is an online process. Visit www.sixflags.com/read to register.
- All teachers and coordinators that want to participate must register online. Even if you set up an account from a previous year, you will need to log into your account this program year to verify and update your information. Coordinators can register teachers by "adding" or "importing" teachers OR teachers can register on their own.

Student TOTAL Hours Read

- Registration is only one step to our program. Teachers/coordinators MUST submit their students' information online in order to earn tickets. Information that is needed is the student name, grade level and total hours read.
- Once a teacher/coordinator is registered, an online account will be established. You must use this account to submit your student information.
- Your school will need to decide if each teacher will submit their own student information OR if the coordinator will submit the student information. Coordinators will have access to add students to each teacher account at their school.
- If the coordinator does the submission, then the coordinator will need to ensure that the students are entered under the correct teacher name. If the coordinator submits the students under his/her name, then the teacher(s) will NOT earn a ticket. If the coordinator submits the students under the correct teacher's name, then that teacher WILL earn a ticket.
- Teachers MUST have at least ONE student that completed the required 6 hours listed in their online account in order for them to earn a teacher ticket.
- A coordinator will earn a ticket as long as they have at least one teacher with one student that completed the required reading OR has one student that completed the required reading listed in their account.
- Students MUST be submitted with at least 6 hours of reading in order to earn a ticket. If a student does not have at least 6 hours of reading listed, then he/she will NOT earn a ticket. You do not need to submit students that read less than 6 hours as they will NOT earn a ticket.

Reading

- Students must read for fun and log their minutes in the Reading log that is available in the "Teacher Toolbox" tab.
- Assigned reading for classwork or homework does NOT count.
- Students can read books, magazines, newspapers or comic books (digital or hard copy).
- Parents can read to their children, especially to younger students or students that are still developing their reading skills.

Deadline

- **March 1, 2016** is the deadline to register **AND** submit student information.
    - You must submit the student names, grade level and TOTAL hours read by March 1, 2016.
- We have one deadline for **BOTH** registration and entering student information.

Tickets

- Student tickets are only generated for students that read the required 6 hours. If you enter less than 6 hours for a student, that student will not have a ticket generated for them. You MUST double check the total hours for each student before the deadline.
- Tickets will be distributed in early May. The ticket links will be emailed to your email addresses that you registered with. The ticket links will also be in your online account. Online accounts will NOT stay open all summer. You need to download and save your tickets or download and print your tickets in a timely manner.
- Tickets are only valid for the person whose name appears on the ticket. Tickets are NOT for sale and are nontransferable. If you sell a ticket, you and your school will be disqualified from the program.
- Tickets are only valid for the valid dates that are on the ticket.
- Student tickets are valid for students in grades K-6th only and are not valid for anyone over the age of 13, NO exceptions.
- Tickets cannot be used for school groups, group outings or field trips.
- Tickets are valid for the ONE park that the school coordinator selected during registration.
- Your school coordinator can select from ONE of the parks listed below:
    - 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

FAQs

Read To Succeed Deadline

When is the registration deadline for teachers and coordinators?

The deadline for BOTH registration AND entering student information is **5pm Central Standard Time on March 1, 2016**.

When is the program deadline?

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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 in early February that leaves them enough time to enter their students' reading hours into their online account by **5pm Central Standard Time on March 1, 2016**. Teachers should fill in their early February deadline on their students' reading logs before they send the reading logs home. We recommend making the deadline for early February as many teachers are in the system during late February which can crash our system.

When is the deadline to submit student information?

The deadline to enter student information in your online account is **5pm Central Standard Time on March 1, 2016**.

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 2015-2016 Program and Receive Program Updates

Who needs to register?
All teachers and coordinators that want to participate in the program and receive a free Six Flags ticket must register online. If you have an account from the 2014-2015 program, you will need to log in to your online account and verify your information is correct. Teachers and coordinators 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 1, 2016 at 5pm Central Standard Time**. **Please note that this is the SAME deadline for entering students' names and reading log hours in your online account.** We recommend registering **BEFORE** winter break. You will need to register and establish your online account before you can enter the students' hours in your online account.

I participated last year, how do I sign up this year?
If you participated in the 2014-2015 Read to Succeed program, you need to log in to your online account with your email address and password from last year and verify that your information is correct. The student information from the 2014-2015 program will be removed from your account.

I did not participate last year, how can I sign up for the program?
Registration is easy! Visit **sixflags.com/read**. You can start by clicking on "Register" and follow the easy step by step process. During the registration process, you will be asked to select your school from a list. All schools will be verified to determine eligibility. If your school is not on the list, please send us a message through the "Contact Us" link.

If I am a homeschool teacher, how do I register?
Both homeschools and traditional schools will register from the same registration site. Visit **sixflags.com/read**. You can start by clicking on "Register". When you are asked to choose whether you are a public/private school or homeschool, please click on the homeschool button.

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. Your online account is where you can find program materials and enter your students' information and reading hours. Your online account is an important way for Six Flags to communicate with you.

What is the difference between registering and entering student information?
Registration is only one part of the online portion of the program. After you register for an account, you will be able to access your online account. Once your students complete the required 6 hours of reading and turn in their Student Reading Log to you, you will need to enter the student information in your online account. Students will only earn a ticket if they are entered into a teacher or coordinator's online account. Teachers will only earn a ticket if they have at least one student entered in their online account.

My school 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 in the Teacher Toolbox.

My school participated last year. Will we automatically be registered for the 2015-2016 school year?
Teachers and Coordinators who registered for the 2014-2015 program will need to log into their online account from last year and verify their information is correct before they can enter their student information. The student information from the 2014-2015 program will be removed. If you did not participate in the program last year, but other teachers at your school did, you will need to register for your own account.

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.

I have not received any emails from you – what do I do?
Please know that your school firewall can prevent our emails from coming through to you. Contact your school's IT department and ask them to "whitelist" **readtosucceed@newsletter.sixflags.com and news@newsletter.sixflags.com.** Doing this should help our emails to get through your firewall and into your inbox. In addition, check your secondary email address and spam for emails.

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 2, 2015**.

How do I log into my online account?
You can log into your online account by visiting the Read to Succeed page: **sixflags.com/read** and enter your email address that you registered with and password and click on "Login".

How can I edit my profile account 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, click on the "SAVE PROFILE CHANGES" button that is at the bottom of the page and your update will be saved.

What should I do if I forgot my password?
At the Home Page, click on the "Send Password" button. The next screen will ask for your email address. We will then email a link to reset 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. If you set up Security Questions, you will also have an opportunity to answer the Security Questions correctly and then reset your password.

How do I change my password after I am logged in?
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 my school address is incorrect?
Make sure you enter a VALID physical address that you can use for shipping purposes, in the event we should need to ship anything to you. DO NOT register with a PO Box. Please contact your coordinator if the address is incorrect or includes a PO Box. Your coordinator can update the address in their online account.

What should I do if my park location is incorrect?
The coordinator will select the park location for the entire school during the registration process. If you see that the park location is incorrect, please contact your coordinator. Your coordinator can change your school's selected park location in their online account. Each school can only select one park location.

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?
To access the student reading log and the parent letter in English or 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 as downloadable pdf files in your online account in the Teacher Toolbox.

I found a copy of the reading log on another website, can I use it?
No. Only use the program materials from your Teacher Toolbox. Do not use any other materials found elsewhere as they can be old, unofficial versions with incorrect information.

Spanish Translations

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

The Coordinator

What exactly is the coordinator's job?
The coordinator will encourage eligible teachers and students to participate in the program. The coordinator will have access to choose and change the park choice for the entire school. The coordinator will be the point of contact with Six Flags. Each school's tickets will be emailed to the school coordinator and the teachers. Please **decide ahead of time** with all teachers participating at your school if the coordinator will be the only person designated at your school to print out the tickets to avoid duplicate prints. Every coordinator will receive one free admission ticket for organizing the program.

Can coordinators submit student reading hours online?
Coordinators must sign up and register for the program as their school's designated coordinator. While the coordinator will be able to submit students' reading hours online, it is <u>not</u> required. If the coordinator is a teacher whose students are participating in the program, they would be responsible for logging their own students' reading hours in their online account. They may also enter the reading hours of other teacher's students, but they must access the other teacher accounts via their coordinator account and enter the students under the correct teacher. Teachers **will not** receive a free Six Flags ticket unless the student information for at least one student has been added to their online account.

Can I begin logging my students' reading hours if my school does not have a coordinator?
Yes, you can register as a teacher and set up your online account and enter your student names even if your school does not have a coordinator. However, by the end of the program all schools are required to have coordinator to facilitate the program.

Does the coordinator receive a ticket?
The coordinator will receive one free admission ticket for organizing the program, unless he/she is a teacher and is already receiving a ticket for submitting his/her students' reading hours. Only one ticket per person will be provided. As a coordinator, your ticket will already be accounted for in the total number of tickets.

Can the coordinator view and oversee the reading hours entered by other teachers?
Yes, the coordinator can access the activity of the teachers by logging into their online account and clicking on the "Edit Teacher" Tab. The coordinator can also click on the "Edit" button next to each teacher's name to access the teacher's account.

Is it possible to change the school coordinator once one has been selected?
Yes, the current coordinator will be able to change their coordinator status to another teacher. Please note that the coordinator will only be able to switch their coordinator status if there is at least one other registered teacher at their school.

What Reading Counts for the Read to Succeed Program?

What type of reading counts?
Recreational reading including newspapers, comic books, novels, eBooks and nonfiction will count. Students can read independently, or parents can read to younger students.

Does reading for school work or homework count towards the six hour goal?
No, students must complete six hours of recreational reading. This means **NO** homework, class assignment or required reading from the teacher.

All my students read the same assigned books for my class. Can I have the students log this reading towards the six hour goal?
No, students need to read recreationally – this means **NO** assigned books from the teacher. If each student in a class or school read all the same books on the same days for the same amount of time, this can be seen as cheating and will be investigated.

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 before they are submitted to the classroom teacher. After the students turn in their Student Reading Logs to their teacher, it is the teacher's responsibility to ensure their students' information and hours are entered 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 1, 2016**.

Do I have to mail in my students' reading logs?
No. Once you have entered your students' information and reading hours in your online account, you do not need to mail them. Please save the Student Reading Logs in a safe place for future reference. We may also conduct periodic reviews of Student Reading Logs, so please keep the Student Reading Logs in your files.

Can a coordinator submit student information and reading hours for all of the teachers in their school?
Yes, a coordinator can input all of the student reading hours for their school. However, if they do that, the coordinator will be the only person who will receive a free Six Flags ticket in addition to the tickets for the

participating students. Teachers must register and submit at least one of their student's reading hours in their online account in order to also receive a free Six Flags ticket. The coordinator can access the teacher accounts and enter the students in the teacher accounts, IF that is how you choose to run the program at your school.

Saving Student Reading Hours

How do I save my students' reading hours in the online tracking system?
You first need to log in to your online account. Click on the "Edit Students" Tab then enter the students first name, last name, grade level, hours read (NOT minutes) and click the "ADD" button.

Do I need to enter my students' full first and last names?
Yes, please enter the student's full first and last name. The tickets will be personalized and will also include a personalized certificate of achievement. This information will not be shared.

What is the "Mark Complete" tab for?
Once you have finished entering all of your students and information for the 2015-2016 season, you can click on the "Mark Complete" button in the tab. Clicking on this button will indicate that you are ready for us to allocate your tickets. If you need to make changes you can unlock your submission by clicking on the button again as long as we haven't allocated your tickets yet (after we allocate your tickets your profile can't be unlocked).

Tickets

I entered all of my students' into my online account. When should I receive my tickets?
Tickets will deliver around early May. Tickets will be emailed to coordinators and teachers. The tickets will also be available in your online accounts. Please designate at your school who will be responsible to print the tickets out to avoid duplicate prints.

Are the tickets good all season?
No, the ticket is valid for admission on select dates only. The valid dates will be printed on the tickets. Valid dates cannot be changed or extended.

When can the tickets be used?
The ticket is valid for admission on **select dates** during the 2016 season only. Valid dates will be included on the tickets. **Valid dates will not be changed or 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, the Six Flags Read to Succeed tickets are programmed with the valid dates that are on the ticket. They cannot be extended or revised.

Do teachers also receive a ticket?
Teachers will receive a ticket if they have registered and entered at least 1 student's information and reading hours in their online account.

My school coordinator signed up last year, but I did not receive a ticket. What do I need to do to earn a ticket this year?

If your coordinator registered last year and you did not, then you need to register and enter at least one student in your online account. If you did register last year but did not enter at least one student in your online account, you would not have been eligible to earn a free ticket. You must enter at least one student in your online account to earn a free ticket.

As the coordinator, how will I know which teachers and students I should distribute tickets to?
Your online account will show the list of teachers under the "Edit Teachers" tab.

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 the ticket.

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.