



## Frequently Asked Questions – Homeschool

Listed 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?**

We have taken steps to make the registration and submission process even easier than before. The online registration will have helpful and relevant FAQ's on the screen that correspond to that step in the registration process. As soon as you register, you will have access to your online account. Your online account will be your source for program information and communication. You can log students' reading hours in your online account, get program alerts and track ticket delivery. To log student hours, you will simply input your students' names, grade, hours read and click "Insert." Then mail your students' completed handwritten reading logs to Six Flags Read to Succeed, PO Box 113, North Haven, CT 06473. All logs will be verified prior to ticket distribution. **When the program closes at 5pm Central Standard Time on March 1, 2013**, all students who you entered into your online account will be submitted automatically.

### **Eligibility**

#### **Who is eligible to participate?**

The Read to Succeed program is designed for home schools and traditional schools with grades K through 6. Only students in grades K through 6 are eligible to take part in the program. All schools must be within a 250-mile radius of one of the participating Six Flags theme parks in order to be eligible for this program. Only students and teachers whose schools are registered are eligible to participate.

#### **Can my homeschool group or co-op participate in Read to Succeed?**

No, all homeschools must register as an individual homeschool.

#### **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 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.

#### **Can my special education students participate?**

Yes, they are welcome to participate as long as they are in grades K through 6.

## **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 on their own, 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.

## **Signing Up for the 2012-2013 Program**

### **How can I sign up my homeschool for the program?**

Registration is easy! Visit [sixflags.com/read](http://sixflags.com/read). 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.

### **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.

### **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 we automatically be registered for the 2012-2013 school year?**

No. Your school will not automatically be registered if you participated last year or in previous years. Every participant is required to re-register for the 2012-2013 program.

### **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.

## **Is there a deadline for registration?**

**The deadline for registration is March 1, 2013 at 5pm Central Standard Time.** Please note that this is also the deadline for entering and saving students' names and reading hours in your online account.

## **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.

## **Number of Tickets Per Person**

### **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 1 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.

### **Do homeschools need a coordinator?**

No, there will be no coordinators for homeschools this year. 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.

### **Will there be a family discount?**

For the best deals and discounts, parents can purchase additional tickets at [SixFlags.com](http://SixFlags.com).

## **How to Register and Receive Program Updates**

### **If I am a homeschool teacher, how do I register?**

Visit [sixflags.com/read](http://sixflags.com/read). You can start by clicking on "Register for a new account" and follow the easy step by step process.

### **How do I receive program updates?**

Program updates will be emailed to the email address that you register with. In addition, updates will also appear in your online account.

## **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. Parents and guardians must verify the students' reading logs before they are submitted to the classroom teacher. After the students turn in their reading logs, it is the teacher's responsibility to save the students' hours online and then mail in the students' reading logs to **Six Flags Read to Succeed, PO Box 113, North Haven, CT 06473**.

### **How do I submit my students' reading hours?**

Your online account will be set up once your registration is complete. This is where teachers log their students' reading hours. Teachers can input their students' reading hours in their online account **until 5pm Central Standard Time on March 1, 2013.**

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

Yes. Once you have saved your students' reading hours in your online account, please mail your students' reading logs to **Six Flags Read to Succeed, PO Box 113, North Haven, CT 06473** by **March 8, 2013.** You will not receive tickets unless your reading logs have been mailed in to Six Flags.

## **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 reading hours must be submitted through your online account **by 5pm Central Standard Time on March 1, 2013.**

### **How do I log into my online account?**

You can log into your online account by entering your email address and password into the log-in on the Read to Succeed page: [sixflags.com/read](http://sixflags.com/read)

## **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?**

You may either enter either your students' full first and last name, or their full first name and last initial.

## **My Profile**

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

You can edit your profile information by logging into your account and updating your information. Once you make an update, "SAVE" and "CANCEL" buttons appear. 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.

### **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.

## **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 1, 2013**.

### **When is the deadline to register?**

You may register **until 5pm Central Standard Time on March 1, 2013**. Please note that **this is also the deadline for entering students' reading hours** into your online account.

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

All student reading hours must be entered in the online account system **by 5pm Central Standard Time on March 1, 2013**.

## **Tickets**

### **I entered all of my students' into my online account and mailed the reading logs. 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.

### **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 2013 summer 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 intended for use by groups, or for class trips, educational special events** such as Homeschool Days, Math & Science Days, Day Care 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.

### **Do teachers also receive a ticket?**

Each homeschool will receive a teacher ticket if they have registered and entered at least 1 student who completed the six hours in their 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.

## **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