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Provided below are the answers to some of our most frequently asked questions. Can't find the answer you're looking for? Call 1-800-822-5110 or email us at readtosucceed@discovery.com. You will receive a response within 1-2 business days.

About Read to Succeed

What is Read to Succeed?

Read to Succeed is a free educational program sponsored by Six Flags. The program inspires kids 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. Teachers whose classes participate and complete the program are also eligible to earn a free ticket. Only students and teachers in schools that are registered are eligible to participate. Schools must be within a 250-mile radius of a participating Six Flags theme park in order to participate.

What's New This Year?

How has the program changed from last year?

This year, we will be expanding the content available to classroom teachers to include cross-curricular activities and multimedia resources to explore a book in-depth and encourage reading across all subject areas, not just in Reading and Language Arts classes. In addition, the website includes an enhanced teacher dashboard functionality which allows them to access and manage student hours completely online via a secure, easy-to-use web interface. Coordinators will not be required to mail the forms for all students within their school.

Eligibility

Who is eligible to participate?

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

Can my home school participate?

Your home school is eligible to participate if it is located within a 250-mile radius of a participating Six Flags park.

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

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?

The program is only open to schools.

Can After School or Day Care Facilities participate?

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.

Signing Up for the 2010-2011 Program

How can I sign up my school for the program?

Visit <http://discoveryeducation.com/readtosucceed> and click on the "Sign up" link in order to register. You will first be prompted for your school's zip code to determine eligibility. For help with the registration process, download our step-by-step guide at <http://discoveryeducation.com/readtosucceed/program-resources.cfm>.

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. Teachers and coordinators must register before they can log their students' reading hours into the online tracking system.

My school participated last year. Will we receive registration materials in the mail?

No. We are streamlining the process this year and all program materials will be available online, so you will not receive a registration packet or any other Read to Succeed materials in the mail.

My school participated last year. Will we automatically be registered for the 2010-2011 school year?

Your school will not automatically be registered if you participated last year or in previous years. You will be required to re-register for the 2010-2011 program.

I pre-registered for this program. Do I have to re-register?

Yes, you must re-register even if you already pre-registered in the Spring of 2010. Read to Succeed launched a new program in October 2010 and everyone who registered prior to then will have to register again and create a new username and password.

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

You will need your username and password to log in to the online tracking system. The online tracking system is now open.

Is there a deadline for registration?

The deadline for registration has been extended until March 9, 2011 by 4pm Eastern Standard Time. Please note that this is also the deadline for submitting students' reading hours in the online tracking system

Mailed Programs

Last year I received a program in the mail. Will I receive one this year?

Schools will not receive a mailed program this year. All resources will be available online, 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, visit <http://discoveryeducation.com/readtosucceed/program-resources.cfm>.

Classroom Resources

Where can I find additional resources for my class?

The classroom lessons, videos, student activities, and suggested booklists are all available online. Visit the Teacher's Page at <http://discoveryeducation.com/readtosucceed/teachers.cfm> and select your grade level.

What Reading Counts for the Six Hour Reading Club

What type of reading counts?

Any recreational reading including newspapers, comic books, novels, and nonfiction. Kids can read on their own, or parents can read to younger students.

Does reading for schoolwork or homework count?

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

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.

Can teachers earn more than one ticket if they have more than one class that participates?

No, teachers can only receive one ticket each. In addition, each school will be required to select a coordinator. The coordinator will also receive one free ticket for organizing the program.

Will teachers earn a ticket if they do not submit student reading hours online?

Teachers must submit some student reading hours online in order to receive a free Six Flags ticket.

Will a coordinator receive more than one ticket if they enter in the student reading hours for their entire school?

No. A coordinator will only receive one free Six Flags tickets no matter how many student reading hours they submit online.

The Coordinator

What exactly is the coordinator's job?

The coordinator's responsibility is to serve as the point of contact for the school's Six Flags ticket distribution. Each school's tickets will be mailed to the school's coordinator, and it is the coordinator's responsibility to distribute these tickets to the participating classroom teachers. Every coordinator will receive one free admission ticket for organizing the program.

Can coordinators submit student reading hours online?

While the coordinator will be able to submit students' reading hours online, it is not required. If the coordinator is a teacher whose students are participating in the program, they would be responsible for logging their students' reading hours online. They may also submit the reading hours of other classes in their school via the online tracking system, but they will be the only person (besides the students) who will receive a free Six Flags ticket. Teachers will not receive a free Six Flags ticket unless they log student reading hours through the online system. Coordinators may also choose to serve only as the recipient and distributor of tickets, in which case the teachers would be responsible for inputting their students' hours. As a coordinator, your ticket will already be accounted for in the total number of tickets (whether you have logged student reading hours or not).

I can't complete the registration because my school does not have a coordinator. What should I do?

In order for you to successfully complete your registration, your school must have a coordinator. If your school does not have a coordinator, it is recommended that you volunteer to be one. If your school needs a coordinator, you will also be asked if you would like to be coordinator when you sign in to the online tracking system. As explained in the question above, the coordinator's only responsibilities are to receive the school's Six Flag tickets and distribute these tickets to the participating classroom teachers.

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.

How can the coordinator view and oversee the reading hour submissions of other teachers in the online portal?

The coordinator can access the Participating Teachers and Students summary by clicking on the "Summary" icon on their Student Reading List navigation bar. (Note: The Summary page can also be accessed by scrolling over "My Account" on the red Read to Succeed navigation toolbar located at the top of your screen and clicking on "Summary.") For more details, please review the coordinator section of the Logging Student Reading Hours instructions.

How to Register and Receive Program Updates

If I am a teacher and/or coordinator, how do I register?

View the step-by-step registration guide for teachers and coordinators at <http://discoveryeducation.com/readtosucceed/program-resources.cfm>.

If I am a home-school teacher, how do I register?

View the step-by-step registration guide for home-school teachers at <http://discoveryeducation.com/readtosucceed/program-resources.cfm>.

If I am a parent, how do I receive program updates?

To stay in the loop, parents are encouraged to supply their email address so they can receive regular updates. Visit <http://discoveryeducation.com/readtosucceed/email.cfm> to sign up to receive program updates.

Reading Log Submission

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 submit the students' hours online.

How do I submit my students' reading hours?

Read to Succeed's secure online tracking system is now open. This is where teachers log their students' reading hours. Teachers and coordinators can input their students' reading hours on this website until 4pm Eastern Standard Time on March 9, 2011.

Can a coordinator log in student 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 that is the case, 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 their student reading hours online in order to also receive a free Six Flags ticket.

Online Tracking System

When will the online tracking system open?

The secure online tracking system is now open! All student reading hours must be submitted by 4pm Eastern Standard Time on March 9, 2011.

How do I log into the online tracking system?

You can log into the online tracking system by entering your username and password into the log-in on the top right corner of Read to Succeed's homepage: <http://readtosucceed.discoveryeducation.com> and clicking "Go."

Submitting Students' Reading Hours

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

You first need to log into the online tracking system, as detailed above. Our step-by-step Logging Student Reading Hours instructions outline how to input your students' hours once you have logged in.

What if I am unsure of what type of reading material my student read?

Try to select a reading material that best matches what your student recorded on his/her reading log. If you do not see an appropriate match, then select "Other."

What if the amount of time that my student read is not in a 15-minute interval?

If your students did not record their reading in 15-minute increments, then you may round up. Please note that you will only be able to enter a total of 360 reading minutes for each student.

My Profile

How can I edit my profile information?

You will be asked to verify and update your profile information when you log into your account for the first time. If you would like to edit your profile information after your initial log-in, scroll over "My Account" on the red Read to Succeed navigation toolbar located at the top of your screen. Then click on "Profile." Once you click "Edit Profile" from the drop-down menu, you will be able to edit your personal account information.

How do I change my password?

First, follow the steps outlined above to access your profile information. Then enter your new password into the blank space next to “Password” and “Confirm Password” and click “Save.”

What should I do if I forgot my password?

If you forgot your password, click on the “Forgot your password?” link in the upper right hand corner of the Read to Succeed website. Enter the email address that you used when you registered for the program. An email will be sent to this address with a link to complete the process. Click this link and you will be prompted with your security question before you can change your password.

What should I do if my school address is incorrect?

If you are an individual family homeschool (i.e. not a homeschool group or coop), you can change your address in your online profile. Under “My Account” in the red Read to Succeed navigation toolbar at the top of your screen, select “Profile”, then click the “Edit Profile” button. Click “Save” to complete any updates.

If you are not an individual family homeschool and your school address is incorrect, please contact your coordinator. Your coordinator should email ReadtoSucceed@discovery.com and request a change.

What should I do if my park location is incorrect?

If your selected park location is incorrect, please contact your coordinator. Your coordinator can change your school’s selected park location on his/her profile page. For more details, please review the coordinator section of the Logging Student Reading Hours instructions.

Read to Succeed Deadlines

When is the deadline for students’ reading logs?

The deadline for receiving the students’ reading logs from parents is up to the individual teacher. Teachers should choose a date that leaves them enough time to log their students’ reading hours online by 4pm Eastern Standard Time on March 9, 2011. Teachers should fill in this deadline on their students’ reading logs before they send the reading logs home.

When is the deadline to register as a coordinator or teacher?

The deadline to register has been extended until March 9, 2011 by 4pm Eastern Standard Time. Please note that this is also the deadline for submitting students’ reading hours.

When is the deadline to submit student reading hours through the online system?

All student reading hours must be submitted through the online tracking system by 4pm Eastern Standard Time on March 9, 2011.

The Tickets

I submitted my students’ reading log hours. When should I receive my tickets?

Tickets will be distributed and should be received in May of 2011. Tickets will be mailed to the address listed under the coordinator.

When can the tickets be used?

Tickets will be distributed to teachers and students by the coordinator. The ticket is valid for admission on select dates during the 2011 summer season chosen by the individual parks. The school coordinator chooses the park

location for their school. Dates will be printed on tickets. Lost, stolen, or damaged tickets cannot be replaced. Specific ticket dates are as follows:

- Six Flags Over Georgia: June 13 – August 7, 2011
- Six Flags Great America (Wave 1): June 13 – August 7, 2011
- Six Flags Great America (Wave 2): June 20 – August 14, 2011
- Six Flags Over Texas: June 20 – August 14, 2011
- The Great Escape: June 20 – August 14, 2011
- Six Flags Magic Mountain: June 13 – August 7, 2011
- Six Flags New England: June 20 – August 14, 2011
- Six Flags Great Adventure: June 20 – August 14, 2011
- Six Flags Fiesta Texas: June 20 – August 14, 2011
- Six Flags Discovery Kingdom: June 20 – August 14, 2011
- Six Flags St. Louis: June 20 – August 14, 2011
- Six Flags America: June 20 – August 14, 2011

Can the valid dates be extended?

All Six Flags Read to Succeed tickets are pre-printed with the expiration date clearly featured. They can't be extended or re-printed.

Do teachers also receive a ticket?

Teachers will receive a ticket if they have registered and submitted reading logs online.

As the coordinator, how will I know which teachers and students I should distribute tickets to?

A list of all students and teachers will be available in the "Summary" section of your account. Please review the coordinator section of the Logging Student Reading Hours instructions for more details.

Other ticket questions?

Please check back soon for information on how to contact your local park regarding tickets.

Spanish Translations

Are the Reading Club forms available in Spanish?

Spanish versions of the student reading log and the parent letter are available at <http://discoveryeducation.com/readtosucceed/program-resources.cfm>.

Parks Where Tickets Can Be Used

Can we use the tickets at a Six Flags water park (or one of the non-branded theme parks owned by Six Flags)?

No. The free admission tickets are only good at participating Six Flags branded theme parks. Please see the list of parks listed below.

Can I use a Read to Succeed ticket at a different park other than what is listed on my ticket?

No, you must use the free Six Flags ticket at the selected park listed on your 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



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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