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Handicapped Accessible Balloon a Highlight of Balloons Over Vermilion

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If you ever thought that physical challenges would hold you back from the wonder and thrill of a hot air balloon experience, think again. Tony Sandlin's handicap accessible balloon, "Glory Be" will be offering tethered balloon rides, weather permitting, on Friday and Saturday afternoons starting at 6:30pm as part of the **Balloons Over Vermilion** activities on the grounds of the Vermilion Regional Airport.

"Glory Be" features a removable plexi-glass side that allows easier access to the balloon for people with physical challenges or in wheel chairs. In flight it offers a bird's eye view from inside that doesn't restrict one to peering over the side of the basket. "I really love being able to share the joy of ballooning and seeing the smiles on everyone's faces from inside and outside the balloon." stated Tony. Pat O'Shaughnessy, Balloons Over Vermilion Co-chair added "We are excited to be able to share the up close, interactive excitement of hot air balloons with everyone and we are thrilled to add this to our event activities."



50 area special needs children will receive free tether rides this weekend thanks to an anonymous donor. The children were preselected by the Danville AMBUCS group who champions opportunities for kids with 'different abilities'. In addition, one area teenager with special needs will receive the chance of a lifetime in a free ride Saturday morning thanks to local businessman Richard Woodard of Woodard's Computing Services who sponsored their ride.

Additional rides will be available for \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. For those not too keen on heights but want to share in the excitement you can pose for photos in a basket with an in-flight backdrop for free.



For more information on all the events at **Balloons Over Vermilion** go to Balloonsoververmilion.com.

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