



March 31, 2019

Dear Valued Kids in Flight Family;

We are writing to remind you of some important changes that were made to Kids in Flight policies regarding Wings of Wonder. Throughout the past fifteen years, Kids in Flight has evolved significantly from the first small Wings of Wonder event to the multiple annual events you know now.

A growing event such as Wings of Wonder has taught the Kids in Flight team a few things about being safe while offering a unique opportunity to special families like yours. Because of the continuing growth and demand for programming, some changes were implemented last year and will continue to be in place for the future. While we understand that these changes may not be popular, it is critical to the safe operation of flight events that some limitations are placed on the registration process. Families will **apply** at [www.kidsinflight.org/events](http://www.kidsinflight.org/events) to participate in Wings of Wonder events. You will be asked to fill in a variety of information including some basic information on your child's condition and treatment status. In addition to your child and the parent listed on the application form, your family will be invited to include up to eight (8) guests, two of whom will be able to fly with your child. We will provide t-shirts for the children who are registered and for whom you have listed sizes.

There are few minor changes to the application form itself. However, the majority of the changes will come in how Kids in Flight handles your information. Of course, we will continue to keep all submissions completely confidential and will never share your information with other organizations. That has not changed, nor will it. The Kids in Flight Board of Directors will convene after the application period ends and determine which families will be invited to fly with us and which families will be invited to participate in ground activities. Flight priority will be assigned as follows:

1. Children who are currently in treatment and have never attended an event
2. Children who are currently in treatment and have attended past events
3. Children who are not currently in treatment and have never attended an event
4. Children who are not currently in treatment and have attended past events

It should also be noted that all fliers should be between 5 and 18 years of age and be able to get on and off of a small aircraft on their own power, maintain impulse control, and be able to remain seated in the backseat of a car for at least thirty (30) minutes at a time. (Please see Medical Authorization Form for further details.) Other children of all ages and abilities are welcome to participate in ground activities. Final determination of flight status will be determined by the Kids in Flight Safety Team.

Kids in Flight deeply appreciates your understanding of and cooperation with this policy and application period of **Monday, April 1, 2019 through Friday, May 17, 2019** at [www.kidsinflight.org/events](http://www.kidsinflight.org/events). Your application will not be considered complete until the enclosed Medical Authorization is received. Please obtain your physician's signature and submit the form as indicated on it. Medical Physician-signed authorizations must be **received** by May 20, 2019. Waivers will **not** be accepted this year. There is much work to do between the deadline and our vendors' deadlines for reservations, catering and t-shirt orders. Late applications cannot and will not be accepted. We look forward to receiving your application and hope to see you on June 22, 2019 for Wings of Wonder. Questions/concerns may be directed to [registration@kidsinflight.org](mailto:registration@kidsinflight.org).

Blue skies,

Kids in Flight Board of Directors  
Kelly M. Shaffer, Secretary/Registration Coordinator

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