

General Launch Logistics

You can track the prediction and find details about launch/tracking plans on the Edge of Space Science website: https://www.eoss.org/live/live_track

FRIDAY, Before Launch:

Check your email for the launch status (go/no-go) provided by Annie (annie.strange@colorado.edu) or Collette Wilfong (collette.wilfong@colorado.edu).

SATURDAY, Day of Launch:

- * Check-in payloads by **4:50am** at the designated launch site

*Payloads begin being added to the flight string at **5:45am** with an estimated **launch time of 7:00am***

- * Be sure to get a walkie-talkie (You will pick these up at the launch site and return them at the recovery site.)

****Drivers – BE SURE TO ADD YOUR CAR INFO TO THE DRIVER SHEET AND GRAB A WINDOW MARKER TO WRITE YOUR CAR NUMBER AND FLIGHT NUMBER ON BACK WINDSHIELD**

AT THE LAUNCH SITE:

- Identify a Payload Handler for your team. This person will be the one who holds the payload as the balloon launches.
- We will be launching 1 - 3 balloons (update at the launch site).
- Volunteer to help with other/EOSS payloads on the flight string – we always need extra folks to help with a successful launch!
- Light snacks, water and energy drinks will be provided. Bring snacks, breakfast and/or lunch to keep yourself re-fueled throughout the morning.
- **BE SURE YOUR VEHICLE IS FULL OF FUEL AS YOU ARRIVE AT THE LAUNCH SITE**

REMEMBER:

- **IF YOU ARE DRIVING, YOU WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN PAYLOAD RECOVERY WHICH COULD LAST UNTIL 5PM - PLAN ON IT**
- Dress in layers! It could be very cold in the morning, but MAY get warmer during the day (especially if you have to hike any distance)
- Bring water and stay hydrated, but don't overdo it. There are no restrooms in the very rural part of the state.
- Wear shoes that will protect your feet from the cactus and spiny bushes that are in the prairie. You may have to hike to recover your payload.
- Bring a hat or sunscreen if you need them.
- **DO NOT** enter private land until directed by EOSS personnel.
- If you get separated from the group during recovery, you can text or call Annie or Collette.