Project: Traveler Preflight  
CHECKLIST

*“If you believe you can accomplish everything by ‘cramming’ at the eleventh hour, by all means, don't lift a finger now. But you may think twice about beginning to build your ark once it has already started raining”*

- Max Brooks, The Zombie Survival Guide: Complete Protection from the Living Dead

# More than One-Week Prior

Advertise launch on website.

Order balloons from Kaymont.

Verify firmware and configs on Trackers.

Check parachute for damage.

# One Week Prior

Final integration testing with feature freeze.

Pick up Hydrogen.

Attach Harmless Package Notices.

Purchase disposable batteries for cameras/back-up transmitters.

Final weight checks. (FAA limits to 6 pounds/package, 12 pounds total)

Check load lines for damage.

Check weak-link for damage.

# One Day Prior

File NOTAM at least 24 hours in advance.

Notify Hutch Tower. (620-665-6557)

Charge Li-Po Batteries.

Install batteries.

Clear SD card for CHDK camera script.

Format SD cards for video cameras.

Verify voltage on Li-Po Batteries (~4.0V/cell).

# Pre-Launch

Have fire extinguisher on hand.

Fill balloon on top of tarp. Have gas cylinder laying on side.

Verify knots in load line.

Untangle parachute. Adjust shrouds as necessary.

**Payload 1**

Activate tracker.

Start cameras.

Verify GPS lock.

**Payload 2**

Activate tracker.

Start cameras.

Verify GPS lock.

**Payload 3**

Activate tracker.

Start cameras.

Verify GPS lock.

# Launch

Notify Hutch Tower 5 minute prior to launch. (620-665-6557)

Release balloon!

Time of Release: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_