

# **The Symbolic Migration *Teacher Packet* 2013-2014**



**Send an Ambassador Monarch to Mexico!**  
The Symbolic Migration unites children across North America through the migration of ambassador butterflies.

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<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/sm/index.html>

# Welcome to the Symbolic Migration

You're invited to participate in the 18th annual "Symbolic Monarch Butterfly Migration" with students across North America. Over 60,000 students in the United States and Canada will create symbolic butterflies this fall and send them to Mexico for the winter. At the monarch sanctuaries in Mexico, children will protect the butterflies and send them north in the spring. The symbolic butterflies build bridges of communication between students in Mexico, the United States, and Canada. United by the monarch butterfly, children across North America learn authentic lessons of conservation, cooperation, and ambassadorship. Join the celebration!

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## Notes

### Individual Butterflies

In addition to making a large class butterfly, each student will make one life-sized monarch (marked with **first name, school and location**). Your class will receive butterflies next spring made by kids in classrooms across North America and you can continue the cycle of friendship and stewardship.

### Post a Picture of Your Ambassador Butterfly

Journey North's new database now lets you upload photos. Take a picture of your class butterfly and add to the Fall Symbolic Migration Map. (See link on page 4.)

# Step-By-Step Overview

Postmark deadline: October 11, 2013

1

Checklist



## Step 1: Print Checklist

Begin by printing the step-by-step checklist on page 7. It includes Journey North's mailing address and other important information. You must mail the completed checklist with your butterfly.

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Symbolic  
Monarch  
and enclosures

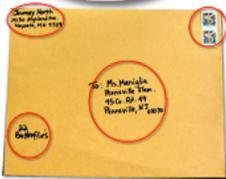


## Step 2: Make Symbolic Monarch and Enclosures

Follow the detailed instructions on page 3. Students will collaborate to make a butterfly that will travel to Mexico as an ambassador to represent your class. Your butterfly will carry a cluster of life-sized monarchs (one butterfly per student), class photos, and the "Hello Friends/Hola Amigos" note with map. Secure all enclosures safely inside your butterfly. Be careful: Don't go over the weight limit!

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Spring Return  
Envelope



## Step 3: Prepare Spring Return Envelope

Next spring, Journey North will mail one class butterfly and one cluster of life-sized monarchs to your classroom in the *return envelope* you provide. Fold and enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope (10" X 13") for this purpose. Carefully follow details on the checklist for correct postage and other specifications. Important: On front of this envelope, record the number of life-sized monarchs you send this fall. Our goal is to send the same number to you next spring.

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Fall Mailing  
Envelope



## Step 4: Pack Fall Mailing Envelope

Pack your class butterfly, cluster of butterflies, class (or school) photos, "Hello Friends/Hola Amigos" note, checklist and spring return envelope into your *fall mailing envelope* (size 10" X 13"). The mailing address and other important details are summarized on the checklist (page 7). *Your completed packet must weigh no more than 5 oz (140 g).*

## Questions or Comments?

### 1. Frequently Asked Questions

<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/search/Symbolic.html>

### 2. Contact us!

[http://www.learner.org/jnorth/contact/help\\_contact.html](http://www.learner.org/jnorth/contact/help_contact.html)

# Make Your Symbolic Monarch

## 1. Class Butterfly Made from File Folder

Transform a plain file folder into a beautiful butterfly. Brainstorm ways to design, build, and decorate a sturdy butterfly that will be able to travel to Mexico and back. Decorate your butterfly in ways that represent your class as a monarch ambassador. See sample butterflies online for inspiration. (No glitter, please!) Teacher's name, school name and full address must be clearly written on your butterfly. (Make sure the address on your butterfly matches the address on your return envelope.) Your butterfly must fit and be mailed inside of a 10" X 13" mailing envelope. Sample class butterflies:

[http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/symbolic/bfly\\_examples.html](http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/symbolic/bfly_examples.html)

***Put inside your class butterfly:***

## 2. A Cluster of Life-sized Monarch Butterflies

Each student creates one personal, colorful, life-sized monarch from template (page 5). **The student's first name, school name, city and state/province must be clearly written** on each tiny butterfly. Form a cluster by putting the small monarchs into a business-sized envelope. Staple the envelope to the class butterfly.

## 3. The "Hello Friends/Hola Amigos" Note

Print one copy of the "Hello Friends/Hola Amigos" note (page 6). Complete the note in Spanish and English. Mark the map to show where you live, measure distance to Mexico, record your town and state/province. Attach securely inside class butterfly. Measure distance: <http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/symbolic/distancefind.html>

## 4. Two Class Pictures

Attach one picture firmly to butterfly. The second picture is a gift for the student in Mexico to keep. Put inside an envelope labeled, "Un Regalo Para Ti" (A Gift for You). You may enclose tiny messages in Spanish, stickers, post cards and other items of ambassadorship. Caution: Watch the weight limit! Sample Spanish phrases: <http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/symbolic/SpanishPhrases.html>

**Reminder:** Before mailing, take a picture of your class butterfly to add to the Fall Symbolic Migration Map: <http://www.learner.org/jnorth/sm/mapformfall.html>

### Size and Weight Limits

We invite you to add creatively to your symbolic monarch packet. However, your final mailing envelope (with your class butterfly, all decorations, enclosures, and mailing envelopes) must meet these size and weight limits:

- **Size limit:** Fits into 10" X 13" mailing envelope.
- **Weight limit:** Weighs no more than 5 ounces (140 grams).

# Follow Your Symbolic Monarch

Sending your ambassador butterfly to Mexico is the first step of a year-long study and celebration. The project continues online throughout the school year. Here's the project timeline. Join in the fun!

## Timeline: 2013-2014

### Before October 11, 2013

- **Introduce Symbolic Migration (Activities #1-3)**  
<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/symbolic/indexCurrent.html>
- **Mail your Symbolic Monarch by the postmark deadline:** Oct. 11, 2013.
- **Report to Fall Symbolic Migration map. Include picture of class butterfly:**  
<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/sm/mapformfall.html>

### November 2013

- **Follow your butterfly's journey to Mexico:**  
<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/sm/News.html>

### Winter 2013-2014

#### Learn about the Monarch's winter home in Mexico:

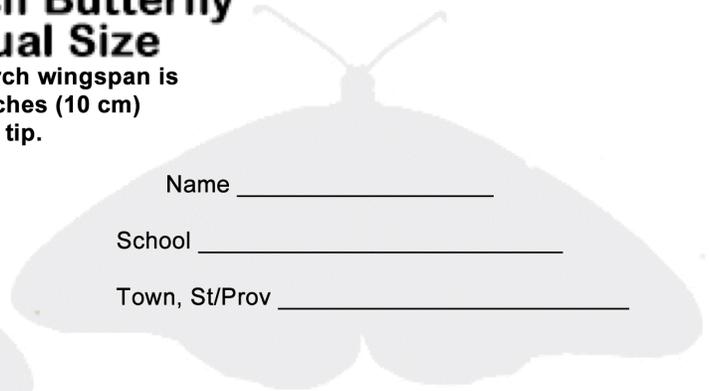
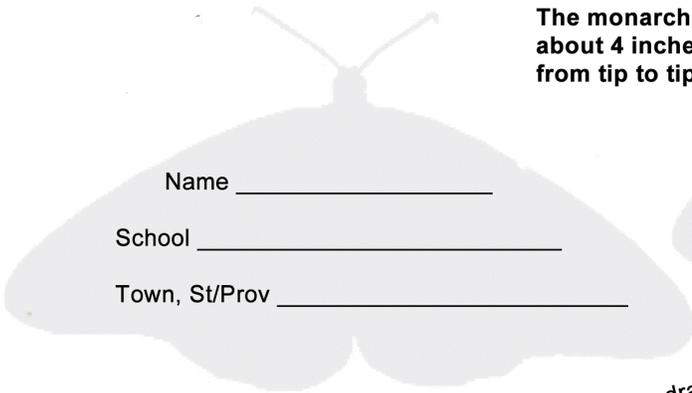
- **See the Symbolic Butterflies in Mexico!** Pictures of students receiving the symbolic butterflies in Mexico will be posted by February 15, 2014.
- **Read bilingual news stories from Mexico:**  
<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/sm/News.html>
- **Enjoy online resources:** See "Life in the Monarch Sanctuary Region"  
<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/monarch/LifeSanctuaryRegion.html>

### April 2014 Continue the Cycle of Friendship

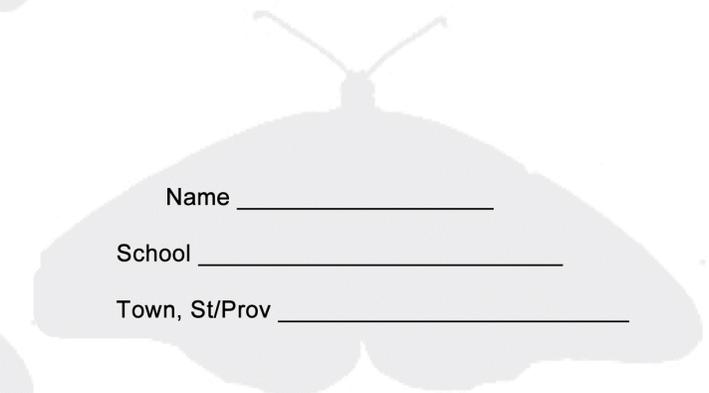
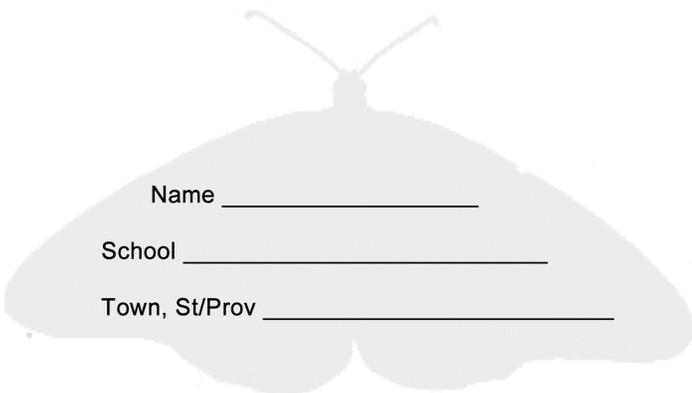
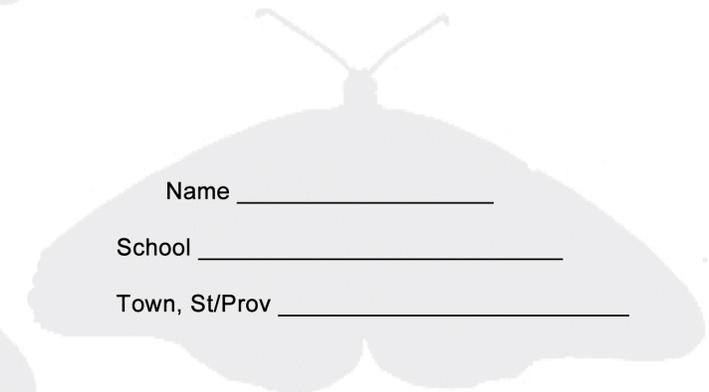
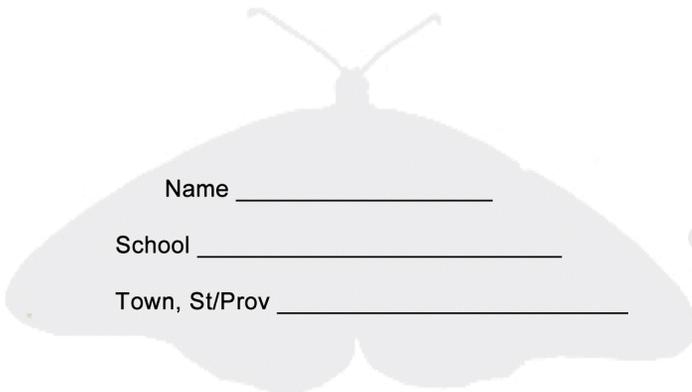
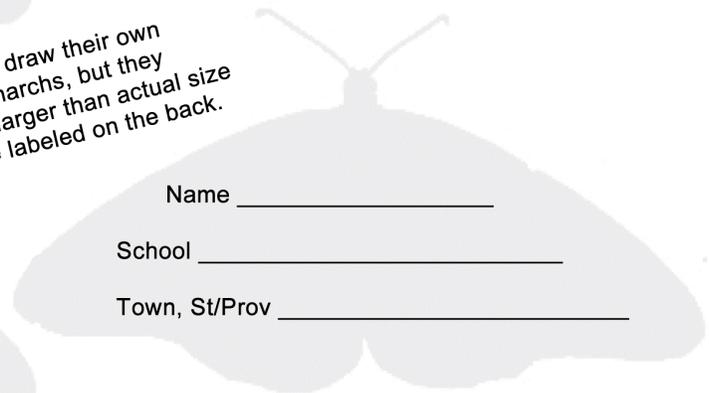
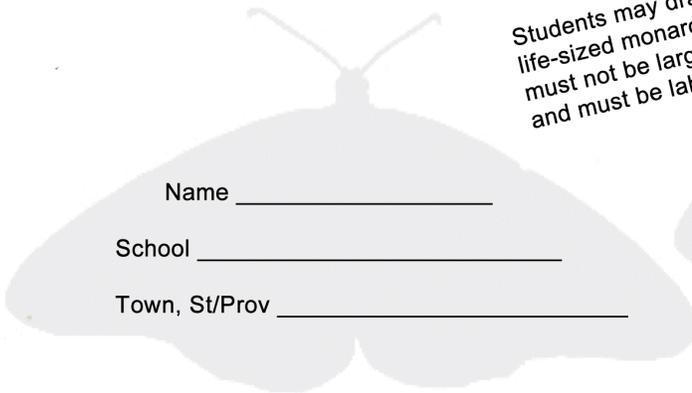
- **Watch your mailbox!** Ambassador butterflies will be mailed the week of April 21, 2014 in time for a Cinco de Mayo (May 5th) homecoming celebration.
- **Report the arrival of butterfly to Spring Symbolic Migration Map:**  
[http://www.learner.org/jnorth/maps/symbolic\\_spring2014.html](http://www.learner.org/jnorth/maps/symbolic_spring2014.html)  
**VERY IMPORTANT:** Children will be waiting to find out where their own butterflies landed. Teachers, make time for this important step!

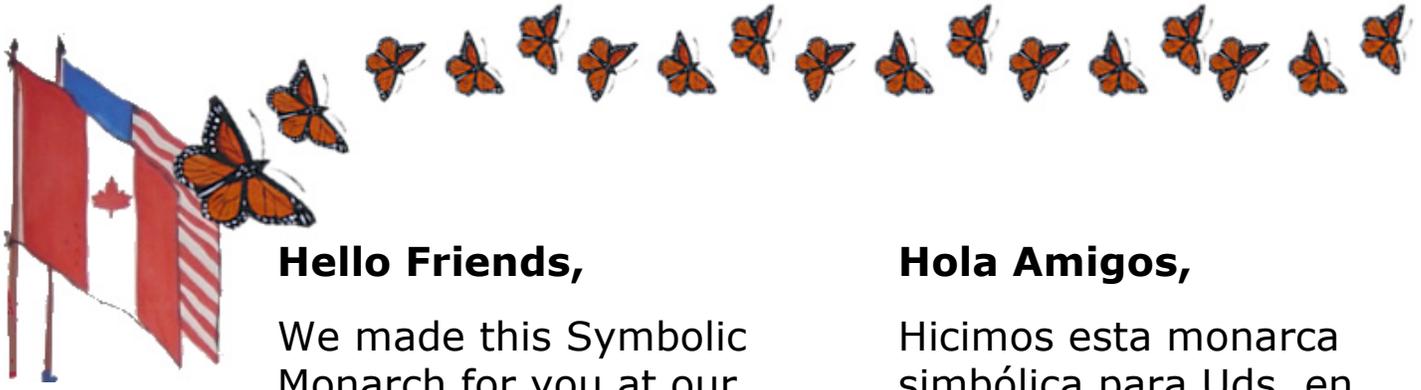
# Monarch Butterfly Actual Size

The monarch wingspan is  
about 4 inches (10 cm)  
from tip to tip.



*Students may draw their own  
life-sized monarchs, but they  
must not be larger than actual size  
and must be labeled on the back.*





**Hello Friends,**

We made this Symbolic Monarch for you at our school in \_\_\_\_\_ (town, state/province).

We've marked the map to show where we live.

This butterfly flew \_\_\_\_\_ kilometers to greet you!

**Hola Amigos,**

Hicimos esta monarca simbólica para Uds. en nuestra escuela en \_\_\_\_\_ de \_\_\_\_\_ (pueblo, estado/provincia).

Hemos marcado el mapa para mostrar dónde vivimos.

Esta mariposa voló \_\_\_\_\_ kilómetros para darles la bienvenida!



Monarch Butterfly Sanctuaries

Santuarios de las mariposas monarcas



# Symbolic Migration Checklist

Postmark deadline: October 11, 2013

- 1) \_\_\_ I have registered for Journey North so that I can be contacted if necessary:  
<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/reg/>
- 2) \_\_\_ I understand that we will **not** receive our own **class butterfly** or **life-sized butterflies** next spring. We **will** receive butterflies made this fall by kids across North America.
- 3) \_\_\_ I will report to the FALL MAP when I mail our class butterfly so our school will appear on the map of international participants. Next May, I will report to the SPRING MAP when we receive a return butterfly so the children who made it can find where their class butterfly landed.

**Fall Map:** <http://www.learner.org/jnorth/sm/mapformfall.html>

**Spring Map:** [http://www.learner.org/jnorth/maps/symbolic\\_spring2014.html](http://www.learner.org/jnorth/maps/symbolic_spring2014.html)

## 4) \_\_\_ **Our Class Butterfly and enclosures:**

- Is creatively made from a plain file folder (page 3). No glitter, please!
- It includes the following enclosures:
  - a cluster of life-sized monarchs, each labeled, one butterfly per student (page 5).
  - our "Hello Friends/Hola Amigos" note and map (page 6).
  - two class photos (page 3).
- Our class name, school name and full address are clearly written on our butterfly. (The address matches the address on our return envelope.)
- We took a picture of our class butterfly to include when we report to the Fall Map (optional).

## 5) \_\_\_ **Our Spring Return Envelope:**

See Image: [http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/symbolic/envelope\\_spring.html](http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/symbolic/envelope_spring.html)

- Is self-addressed with teacher's name and school's full address (same address as printed on our butterfly). Return address is Journey North's. ("Send a Monarch 2013" c/o Journey North, 19130 Highland Ave., Wayzata, MN 55391 USA)
- Is 10" x 13" (please, no padded or bubble envelopes).
- Has exact return postage, \$2 (stamps only) affixed for next spring's return trip from MN. Canadian Mail Choices: \$2 Canadian postage, \$2 US postage, or 4 to 5 IRC's. \*One IRC=1 oz.
- Uses no postage meters or PRIORITY MAIL envelopes, and no tape covers stamps.
- Has the number of tiny butterflies students made written on the front (so JN knows how many to send to our class next spring).

## 6) \_\_\_ **Our Fall Mailing Envelope:**

See image: [http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/symbolic/envelope\\_fall.html](http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/symbolic/envelope_fall.html)

- Is Postmarked by October 11, 2013
- Is addressed to:  
"Send a Monarch 2013" c/o Journey North, 19130 Highland Ave., Wayzata, MN 55391 USA
- Contains a self-addressed return envelope for spring. (See #4 above.)
- **Meets the weight limit:** Our butterfly and enclosures weigh no more than 5 oz (140 g).
- **Meets the size limit:** Our butterfly and enclosures fit into a 10" x 13" mailing envelope.

## 7) \_\_\_ **Our optional support for monarch conservation in Mexico is enclosed.**

- Our donation for the "Monarch Butterfly Fund" is enclosed.
- Our own name and school are written on the check (so we can be recognized).
- The outside of our fall shipping envelope proclaims: "We're Helping Monarchs!"

Don't miss the trip! Read, print, and follow so your butterfly can migrate!

# Introductory Symbolic Migration Activities

These activities are designed to help you introduce the Symbolic Migration Project to students.

## Activity #1

### Introducing the Symbolic Migration

<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/sm/sl/3/index.html>

**Overview:** Launch the Symbolic Migration in your classroom with this introductory slideshow. Provide students with background about monarch butterfly migration to give context for the Symbolic Migration. Invite students to join the international community of friends united by the monarch butterfly.

**Activity:** View slideshow. See Teaching Suggestions for video clip and take-home letter for families.



## Activity #2

### Preparing for the Role of Ambassador

<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/symbolic/ambass.html>

**Overview:** Explore the concept of ambassadorship as you prepare students to make a symbolic monarch that will travel to Mexico to represent your class.

**Activity:** View sample ambassador butterflies, then brainstorm how you can use images, language, and symbols to communicate ambassadorship and friendship.



## Activity #3

### Your Place in the International Monarch Community

<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/symbolic/community.html>

**Overview:** Build a sense of community between your students and thousands of others across North America who are participating in the Symbolic Migration.

**Activity:** After you send your butterfly on its journey to Mexico, let everybody know by posting to the map. Introduce your class, tell what you're doing for monarchs, and share messages of goodwill. Include a picture of your ambassador butterfly!



**Symbolic Migration Map**

# Activity #4

## How Far to Mexico?

<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/symbolic/distancefind.html>

**Overview:** As you prepare to send your butterfly to Mexico, you'll enclose a "Hola Amigos" note for your new friend in Mexico. It will include how far the butterfly traveled to meet them in Mexico.

**Activity:** Before sending your butterfly on its journey to Mexico, use Google to calculate the distance from your hometown to Angangueo, Mexico, the little town in the middle of the monarch sanctuaries

