



The Symbolic Migration Teacher Packet

2019-2020



Send an Ambassador Monarch to Mexico!

The Symbolic Migration unites children across North America through the migration of ambassador butterflies.

The Symbolic Migration is a partnership project between the 501(C) (3) organizations, Journey North and Monarchs Across Georgia, a committee of The Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia.

Welcome to the Symbolic Migration

You're invited to participate in the 24th annual "Symbolic Monarch Butterfly Migration" with students from across North America. Over 20,000 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

Overall Quality

All butterflies should represent the quality and beauty of a real monarch. Take time and care. This will become your class gift to a student in Mexico.

Individual Butterflies

Each student will make an individual monarch (EACH ONE labeled with their **first name, school, town, state/province and teacher's email address**). Your class will receive these life-sized butterflies next spring made by students in classrooms across North America so you can continue the cycle of friendship and stewardship. *This project reflects the real migration. It is a long journey and not all migrating butterflies make it. Remember, this is a class project and don't expect a 1:1 ratio of returning life-sized monarch butterflies.

Mailing Address

As of 2018, the Symbolic Migration is based in Georgia. Mail to: "Send a Monarch 2019" c/o Symbolic Migration, 1497 Candleberry Court SW, Lilburn, GA 30047 USA

Step-By-Step Overview

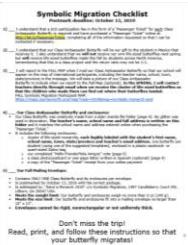
Postmark deadline: October 11, 2019

Step 1: Purchase Your Passenger Ticket

To cover the costs of this important educational project, participants must buy **a \$15 "Passenger Ticket" for each Class Ambassador Butterfly packet submitted.**



These funds will support school visits in Mexico to deliver butterflies and provide conservation education. Purchases are made through our secure website at this link <http://bit.ly/30e7CCA-2019PassengerTicket> with credit/debit cards (Discover, Mastercard or Visa) or mailed checks (USA banks only). A PayPal option is also available. Up to ten (10) classes can be accommodated in one transaction if the return mailing address is the same for all classes. A [MULTIPLE CLASS SPREADSHEET](#) for the teacher's name, email address, grade level and estimated number of life-sized butterflies will ensure that we have accurate information on every participating classroom.



Step 2: Print Checklist

Print the step-by-step checklist on page 7. It includes the Symbolic Migration's mailing address and other important information. Use it as your check-off guide.



Step 3: Make Class Ambassador Butterfly and Enclosures

Follow the detailed instructions on page 4. Students will collaborate to make a Class Ambassador Butterfly that will travel to Mexico as an ambassador to represent your class. This butterfly will carry a cluster of life-sized monarchs made by each student, a class photo (optional), and the "Hello Friends/Hola Amigos" note. Secure all enclosures safely inside your butterfly. Take a photo of your Class Ambassador Butterfly to upload when you report to the Map in Step 5 (below).



Step 4: Pack & Mail Fall Envelope

Pack your Class Ambassador Butterfly, cluster of life-sized butterflies, class photo (optional), and "Hello Friends/Hola Amigos" note into your fall envelope (no larger than 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., have the correct postage and be postmarked no later than October 11, 2019.



Step 5: Report to the Fall Symbolic Migration Participant Map

If you are not already registered with Journey North, you will need to first register, i.e., create a user name and password, on Journey North <https://journeynorth.org/reg/> to report "sightings." Then log in on this page <https://journeynorth.org/sightings/> choosing Symbolic Monarch Participant in the drop-down menu on the bottom left side of the page. A reporting page will then come up where you can locate your school on the map, enter the date when Symbolic Monarchs were sent, upload a photo, and make comments. **Be sure to include the teacher's name, school, town, state/province in the "Comments" section.** See Activity #5 (Page 9) for additional information about map limitations, etc.

Make Your Class Ambassador Butterfly

A Class Ambassador Butterfly is made from a file folder

Transform a plain manila file folder into a beautiful butterfly! Brainstorm ways to design, build, and decorate a sturdy butterfly that will be able to travel to Mexico. Decorate your butterfly in ways that represent your class as a monarch ambassador. This butterfly will remain in Mexico as your gift to the student that receives it.

Please do not use glitter!

The Passenger Ticket #, teacher's name, school name and full address must be clearly written on your butterfly. **Make sure that this address matches the address that you submitted online when you purchased your Passenger Ticket.** Your butterfly must fit inside a mailing envelope no larger than 10" X 13".

Enclosures for your Class Ambassador Butterfly:

- A Cluster of Life-sized Monarch Butterflies**

Each student creates one colorful, life-sized monarch from one of the suggested templates. ([Origami Butterfly Template](#), [Monarch Butterfly Template 1](#), [Monarch Butterfly Template 2](#)) **The student's first name, school name, city and state/province and teacher's email address** are included on each life-sized monarch. (Using school address labels is recommended.) Form a cluster by putting the life-sized monarchs into **a plastic sandwich- or quart-sized Ziploc bag** and place it inside the Class Ambassador Butterfly folder.

- The "Hello Friends/Hola Amigos" Note**

Print one copy of the "Hello Friends/Hola Amigos" note (page 6). Mark the map to show where you live, measure distance to Mexico (See Activity #3, page 9.), and fill in the blanks with your town and state/province. Complete the note in both Spanish and English. *It's exactly the same information.* Place the "Hola Amigos" note inside your Class Ambassador Butterfly folder.

- Class Photo/ Notes Written in Spanish (Optional)**

As an option, you can include a class photo or enclose a postcard or ONE-PAGE note written in Spanish from your class. **Please DO NOT include stickers, food items or other gifts.** Place these items inside of your Class Ambassador Butterfly folder.

- Your "Passenger Ticket"**

Print a copy of your "Passenger Ticket," the email receipt of your online payment and place it inside of your Class Ambassador Butterfly folder. (Details are on page 7.)

Reminder: Before mailing, take a picture of your Class Butterfly to add to the Symbolic Migration Participant Map:

<https://maps.journeynorth.org/map/?year=2019&map=symbolic-monarch-sent>

Need to contact us? symbolic-migration@eealliance.org

Size and Weight Limits

We invite you to add creatively to your symbolic monarch packet. However, your mailing envelope which includes your class butterfly, a plastic Ziploc with life-sized monarchs, Hello Friends/Hola Amigos not, Passenger Ticket receipt, and optional class photo, postcard or letter must meet these size and weight limits:

- Size limit:** 10" X 13" – no larger.
- Envelopes cannot be rigid, nonrectangular or not uniformly thick.**
- Weight limit:** Weighs no more than 5 ounces (140 grams).

Follow Your Class Ambassador Butterfly

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: 2019-2020

Before October 11, 2019

- **Introduce Symbolic Migration (Activities #1-5)**
<https://journeynorth.org/symbolic-migration/resources/teaching/symbolic-migration-fall-activities-1-5>
- **Follow the directions in this packet and mail your Class Ambassador Butterfly and enclosures by the postmark deadline: Oct. 11, 2019.**
- **Report to Fall Symbolic Migration Participant Map. Be sure to include the teacher's name, school, town state/province in your message. Optionally, include picture of your Class Ambassador Butterfly:**
<https://maps.journeynorth.org/map/?year=2019&map=symbolic-monarch-sent>

November 2019 - February 2020

Learn about the Monarch's winter home in Mexico:

- **Read about your Class Ambassador Butterfly in Mexico!** Use the search function at the top right of the page to locate your school or town. Check back weekly! Deliveries begin mid-November and are usually completed by late February.
<https://symbolicmigration.org/>
- **Read monarch butterfly news from Mexico:**
<https://journeynorth.org/monarchs/news>
- **Enjoy online resources:** See "Life in the Monarch Sanctuary Region"
<https://journeynorth.org/tm/symbolic/jr/KidsJourneyNorth.html>

April 2020 Continue the Cycle of Friendship

- **Watch your mailbox!** Clusters of life-sized butterflies and letters from Mexican students will be mailed in late March 2020. You should receive them in ample time for a Cinco de Mayo (May 5th) homecoming celebration.
- **VERY IMPORTANT: Report the arrival of individual life-sized butterflies by contacting teachers directly. Teacher's emails will be on every life-sized butterfly.**
Please make time for this important step! Children will be waiting to find out where their own butterflies landed.



Hello Friends,

We made this Symbolic Monarch for you at our school
in _____ (town),
_____ (state or
province).

We have marked the map to show where we live.

This butterfly flew _____ kilometers to greet
you!

Hola Amigos,

Hicimos esta mariposa simbólica para Uds. en nuestra
escuela en _____ (pueblo)
de _____ (estado o
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, 2019

- 1) I understand that a \$15 participation fee in the form of a "Passenger Ticket" for each Class Ambassador Butterfly is required and have purchased a "Passenger Ticket" online at <http://bit.ly/30e7CCA-2019PassengerTicket>, completing all of the information requested so that I can be contacted if necessary.
- 2) I understand that our Class Ambassador Butterfly will be our gift to the student in Mexico that receives it. I also understand that we **will not** receive our own life-sized butterflies next spring but **will** receive life-sized butterflies made this fall by students across North America, remembering that this is a class project and the return ratio may not be 1:1.
- 3) I will report to the FALL MAP when I mail our Class Ambassador Butterfly so that our school will appear on the map of international participants, including the teacher name, school, town, state/province in the message. We will take a picture of our Class Ambassador Butterfly to include when we report to the Fall Map (optional). **In the SPRING, I will contact teachers directly through email when we receive the cluster of life-sized butterflies so that the children who made them can find out where their butterflies landed.**
FALL Symbolic Migration Participant MAP:
<https://maps.journynorth.org/map/?year=2019&map=symbolic-monarch-sent>

4) Our Class Ambassador Butterfly and enclosures:

- Our Class Butterfly was creatively made from a plain manila file folder (page 4). No glitter was used in decoration. **The Passenger Ticket #, teacher's name, school name and full address is written on this folder** and it matches the school name and address entered online when purchasing the "Passenger Ticket."
- It includes the following enclosures:
 - cluster of life-sized monarchs, **each legibly labeled with the student's first name, school name, town, state/province and teacher's email address**, one butterfly per student (using one of the suggested templates), enclosed in a plastic sandwich- or quart-sized Ziploc bag
 - our completed "Hello Friends/Hola Amigos" note (page 6)
 - a class photo/postcard or one-page letter written in Spanish (optional) (page 4)
 - a copy of the "Passenger Ticket" receipt from your online payment

5) Our Fall Mailing Envelope:

- Contains ONLY ONE Class Butterfly and its enclosures per envelope.
- Is postmarked by October 11, 2019 with the correct postage.
- Is addressed to: "Send a Monarch 2019" c/o Symbolic Migration, 1497 Candleberry Court SW, Lilburn, GA 30047 USA
- **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 mailing envelope no larger than 10" x 13".
- **Envelopes cannot be rigid, nonrectangular or not uniformly thick.**

Don't miss the trip!

Read, print, and follow these instructions so that your butterfly migrates!

Introductory Symbolic Migration Activities

<https://journeynorth.org/symbolic-migration/resources/teaching/symbolic-migration-fall-activities-1-5>

Activity #1

Introduce the Symbolic Migration

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

Prepare for the Role of Ambassador

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

Explore Maps

Overview: Monarchs migrate across Canada, the United States, and Mexico. They depend on cooperation between us all. Each person, town, state, province, and country can help preserve this magnificent migration.

Activity: Before sending your butterfly on its journey to Mexico, use Google Maps to calculate the distance from your hometown to the monarch sanctuaries. Use this information to complete the "Hello Friends/Hola Amigos note."



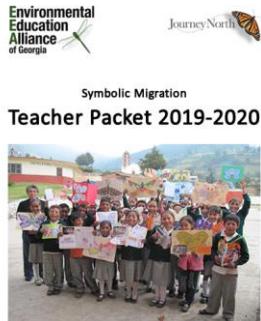
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Activity #4

Make Your Butterfly

Overview: After you have introduced the project (Activity #1), prepared for your role as ambassador (Activity #2), and explored maps (Activity #3), students are ready to make their own Class Ambassador Butterfly and life-sized monarchs!

Activity: Download the instructions (Teacher Packet)



Activity #5

Join the Community

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 (**Be sure to include the teacher's name, school, town, and state/province in your comments.**), upload a photo of your Class Ambassador Butterfly, tell what you are doing for monarchs, and share ideas and friendships.



List of Participants

Your report and butterfly picture will appear on this list.

<https://journeynorth.org/sightings/querylist.html?map=symbolic-monarch-sent&year=2019&season=fall>

Map*

Your school location will appear on this map. Click the dot to see your report and butterfly.

<https://maps.journeynorth.org/map/?year=2019&map=symbolic-monarch-sent>

***Teachers Please Note:** Unfortunately, the map can only display one dot at each location, and clicking on the dot will only show one report (the most recent record reported). If more than one teacher reports from your school, you will not all be able to access your report from the map. **However, all reports and pictures will appear on the [List of Participants](#).**