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The Symbolic Migration *Teacher Packet* 2018-2019



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 23rd annual "Symbolic Monarch Butterfly Migration" with students from 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

Overall Quality

All butterflies should represent the quality and beauty of a real monarch. Take time and care.

Individual Butterflies

Each student will make an individual monarch (EACH ONE labeled with their **first name, school, state, and town**). Your class will receive these small 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.

New Mailing Address!

This year you will mail your packet to Georgia not Minnesota as in previous years. Mail to:
"Send a Monarch 2018" c/o Symbolic Migration, 1497 Candleberry Court SW, Lilburn, GA

Step-By-Step Overview

Postmark deadline: **October 12, 2018**

New this year – New Mailing Address and Passenger Ticket Required!

To cover the costs of this important educational project, we are asking participants to buy a \$15 “Passenger Ticket” for each Class Butterfly packet submitted. These funds will support school visits in Mexico to deliver butterflies and provide conservation education.

Before proceeding to Step 1, buy your \$15 “Passenger Ticket” at <http://bit.ly/PassengerTicket>

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Checklist



Step 1: Print Checklist

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

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Symbolic
Monarch
and enclosures



Step 2: Make Class Butterfly 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. This butterfly will carry a cluster of life-sized monarchs, 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 5 oz. weight limit!*

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Spring Return
Envelope



Step 3: Prepare Spring Return Envelope

Next spring, Symbolic Migration 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 individual butterflies sent in your cluster.*

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Fall Mailing
Envelope



Step 4: Pack Fall Mailing Envelope

Pack your Class Butterfly, cluster of butterflies, class/school photos, “Hello Friends/Hola Amigos” note, 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.*

Make Your Ambassador Butterfly

Class Butterfly Made from 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 and back. Decorate your butterfly in ways that represent your class as a monarch ambassador. (No glitter, please!) Teacher's name, school name and full address, and your "Passenger Ticket" number must be clearly written on your butterfly. Make sure your address on your butterfly matches your address on your return envelope. Your butterfly must fit and be mailed inside of a 10" X 13" mailing envelope.

Put Inside your Class Butterfly:

- **A Cluster of Life-sized Monarch Butterflies**
Each student creates one colorful, life-sized monarch from template (page 5). **Student's first name, school name, city and state or province** are included on each small monarch. (School address labels are recommended.) Form a cluster by putting the small monarchs into a **business-sized envelope** and place it inside the Class 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, and fill in the blanks with your town and state or province. Complete the note in Spanish and English. Place the "Hola Amigos" note inside your Class Butterfly.
- **Two Class/School Pictures**
Attach one picture firmly to your Class Butterfly. The second picture is a gift for the students in Mexico to keep. Put it inside an envelope labeled, "Un Regalo Para Ti" (A Gift for You). You may enclose post cards, a ONE-PAGE Spanish note from class, and other small flat gifts of ambassadorship. *Caution: Watch the weight limit!*
- **Your "Passenger Ticket"**
Print a copy of your "Passenger Ticket," the receipt of online credit card payment (Details on page 7.)

Reminder: Before mailing, take a picture of your Class Butterfly to add to the Fall Symbolic Migration Map: <http://bit.ly/map-fall-2018>

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 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 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: 2018-2019

Before October 12, 2018

- **Introduce Symbolic Migration (Activities #1-5)**
<http://bit.ly/symbolic-migration-activities>
- **Mail your Symbolic Monarch by the postmark deadline: Oct. 12, 2018.**
- **Report to Fall Symbolic Migration map. Include picture of class butterfly:**
<http://bit.ly/map-fall-2018>

November 2018

- **Follow your butterfly's journey to Mexico:**
<https://journeynorth.org/symbolic-migration/news>

Winter 2018-2019

Learn about the Monarch's winter home in Mexico:

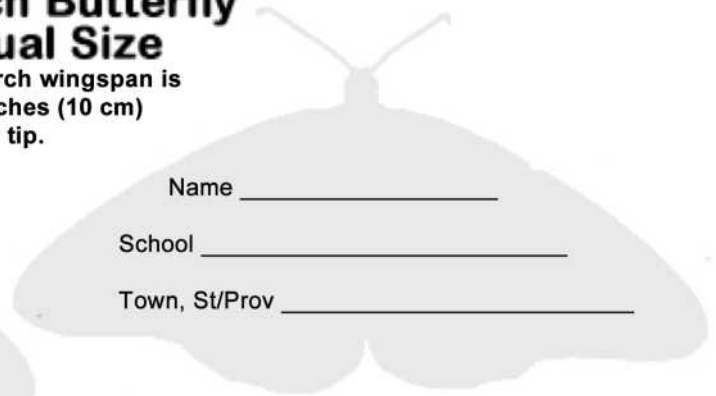
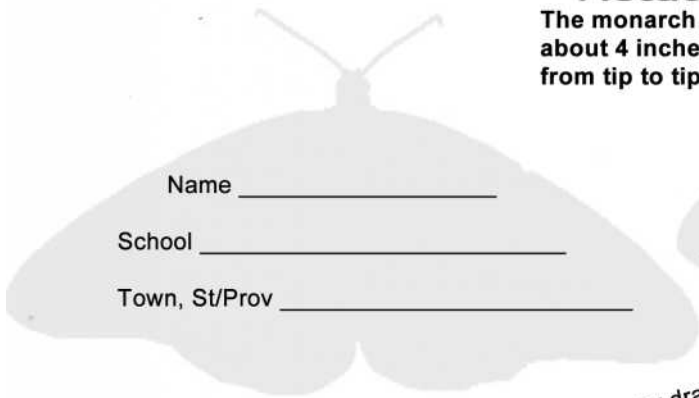
- **See Your Class Ambassador Butterfly in Mexico!** Pictures of students receiving the ambassador butterflies in Mexico will be posted by February 18, 2019.
- **Read monarch butterfly news from Mexico:**
<https://journeynorth.org/monarchs>
- **Enjoy online resources:** See "Life in the Monarch Sanctuary Region"
<https://journeynorth.org/tm/monarch/LifeSanctuaryRegion.html>

April 2019 Continue the Cycle of Friendship

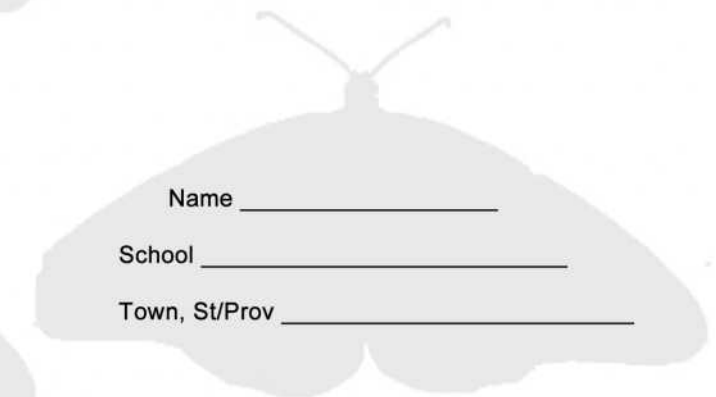
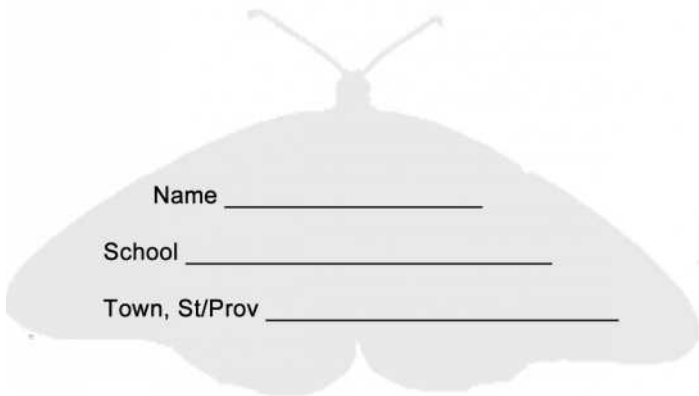
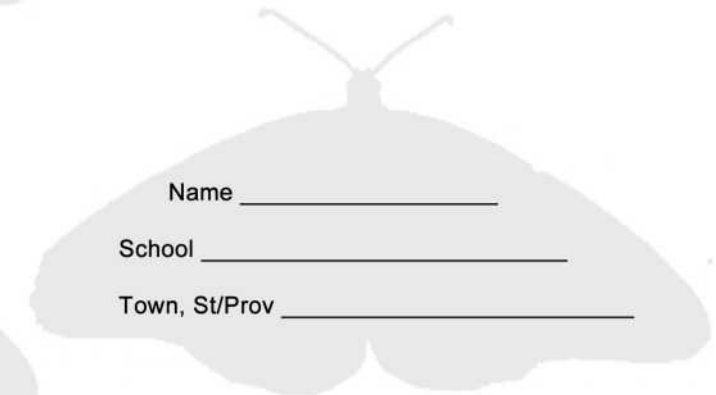
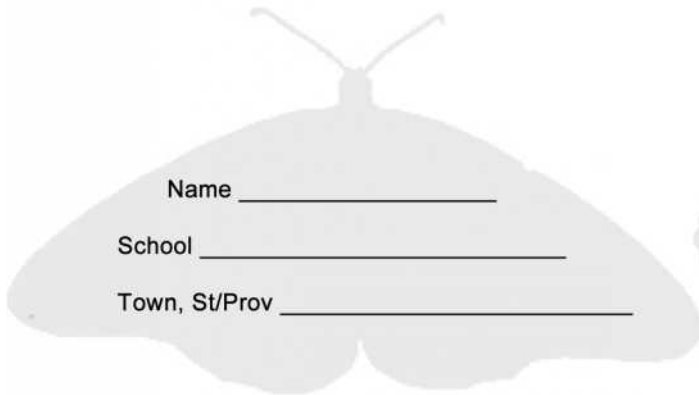
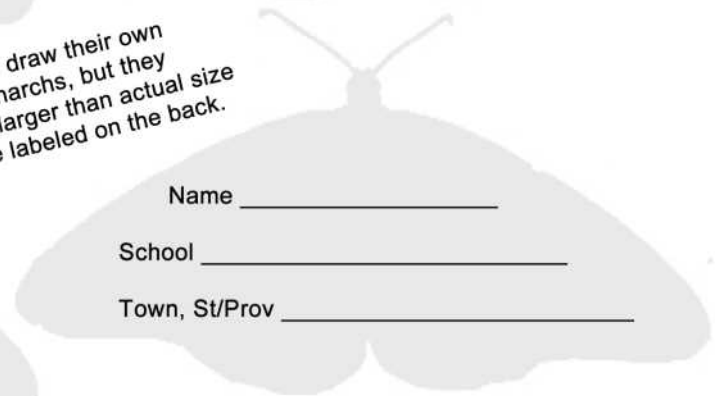
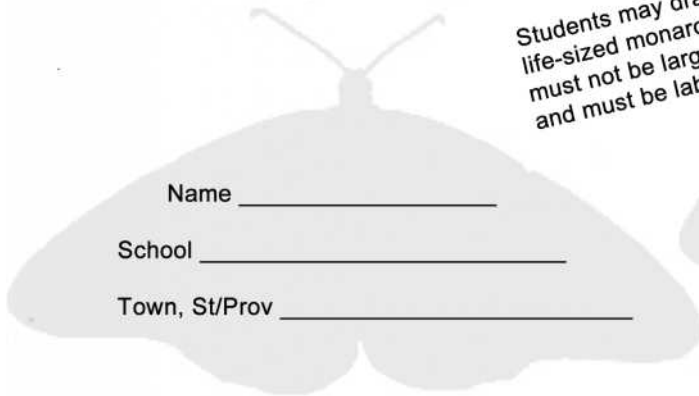
- **Watch your mailbox!** Ambassador butterflies will be mailed in late March 2019. You should receive them in ample time for a Cinco de Mayo (May 5th) homecoming celebration.
- **VERY IMPORTANT: Report the arrival of the butterflies to the Spring Symbolic Migration Map:** <http://bit.ly/map-spring-2019>
Teachers, make time for this important step! Children will be waiting to find out where their own butterflies landed.

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 or 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 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 12, 2018

- 1) ___ I have purchased a "Passenger Ticket" for the Symbolic Migration online at <http://bit.ly/PassengerTicket>, completing all of the information requested so that I can be contacted if necessary.
- 2) ___ I understand that a \$15 participation fee for each Class Butterfly is required. The only method of payment is by credit or debit card (MasterCard, Visa or Discover).
- 3) ___ I understand that we will **not** receive our own Class Butterfly or individual life-sized butterflies next spring. We **will** receive butterflies made this fall by students across North America.
- 4) ___ I will report to the FALL MAP when I mail our Class Butterfly so that our school will appear on the map of international participants. Next April, 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. We took a picture of our Class Butterfly to include when we report to the Fall Map (optional).
FALL MAP: <http://bit.ly/map-fall-2018>
SPRING MAP: <http://bit.ly/map-spring-2019>
- 5) ___ **Our Class Butterfly and enclosures:**
 - Our Class Butterfly creatively made from a plain manila file folder (page 3). No glitter, please!
 - It includes the following enclosures:
 - cluster of life-sized monarchs, **each legibly labeled**, one butterfly per student (page 5), enclosed in a business-sized envelope
 - our "Hello Friends/Hola Amigos" note (page 6)
 - two class/school photos (page 3)
 - a copy of the "Passenger Ticket" receipt from your online credit card payment
 - Our class name, school name and full address are clearly written on ALL our butterflies. School address stickers are recommended. The address matches the address on our return envelope.
- 6) ___ **Our Spring Return Envelope:**
 - Is self-addressed with teacher's name and school's full address (same address as on our butterfly). Return address is Symbolic Migration's. ("Send a Monarch 2018" c/o Symbolic Migration, 1497 Candleberry Court SW, Lilburn, GA 30047 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 GA. Canadian Mail Choices: \$5.75 Canadian postage, or 5 IRC's. *One IRC=1 oz.
 - Uses no postage meters or PRIORITY MAIL envelopes, and no tape covers the stamps.
 - Has the number of individual butterflies enclosed clearly written on the front (so Symbolic Migration knows how many students are participating).
- 7) ___ **Our Fall Mailing Envelope:**
 - Contains ONLY ONE Class Butterfly and its enclosures per envelope.
 - Is Postmarked by October 12, 2018.
 - Is addressed to: "Send a Monarch 2018" c/o Symbolic Migration, 1497 Candleberry Court SW, Lilburn, GA 30047 USA
 - Contains a self-addressed return envelope for spring. (See #5 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.

Don't miss the trip!

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

DOUBLE CHECK!

Did you enclose...

1. Your "Passenger Ticket" (receipt of your online credit card payment of \$15 per Class Butterfly)?
2. One ambassador Class Butterfly?
3. Cluster of life-sized butterflies enclosed in a business-sized envelope, each butterfly of high quality and labeled with student's first name/school/state or province?
4. Two Class or School Photos: One attached to your Class Butterfly and the other enclosed in the "Un regalo para ti" gift envelope?
**Optional: Please submit an electronic photo of your Class Butterfly with your report to the Fall Map.*
5. Your "Hola Amigos" note (page 6) with your location marked by an "x" on the map?
6. Your one-page note in Spanish/gift/postcard for the Mexican students receiving your butterfly (optional)?
7. Your stamped and self-addressed Spring Return envelope?

Is your envelope addressed to...

"Send a Monarch 2018" c/o Symbolic Migration, 1497 Candleberry Court SW, Lilburn, GA 30047 USA?

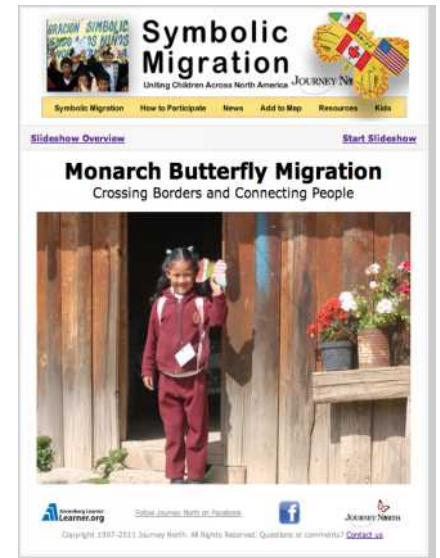
Introductory Symbolic Migration Activities

<http://bit.ly/symbolic-migration-activities>

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 the magnificent migration.

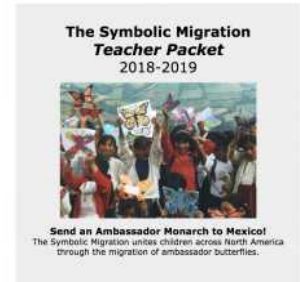
Activity: Before sending your butterfly on its journey to Mexico, use Google to calculate the distance from your hometown to the monarch sanctuaries.



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 ambassador monarch!

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, tell what you're doing for monarchs, and share



Symbolic Migration Map

MONARCHS ACROSS GEORGIA

www.MonarchsAcrossGa.org

the Symbolic Migration

Each year thousands of students in the United States and Canada send paper butterflies to schools in Mexico. This Symbolic Migration has been uniting children for over 20 years.



What is the Symbolic Migration?

Over 60,000 students in the United States and Canada will create symbolic monarch butterflies this fall and send them to Mexico for the winter. Children who live near the monarchs' winter sanctuaries in Mexico protect the paper butterflies and return them in the spring. The symbolic "flights" are timed to correspond with the real monarchs' journey.

The symbolic butterflies build bridges of communication between Mexico and the United States, and Canada. United by the monarch butterfly, the children learn authentic lessons of conservation, cooperation, and ambassadorship.



You Can   Contribute, Too!

Donate online:

<http://www.eealliance.org/symbolic-migration>

Your donations support our partnership with schools in Mexico.

You can "adopt a classroom" by donating \$15 or donate any amount to support the program.

