

# Hope Gliding Centre

## 2007 Gliding Holiday Course

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Thank you for your interest in the holiday gliding courses offered by the Hope Gliding Centre. The courses are for people with no or little previous gliding experience.

The courses are for a fixed price that includes all costs other than accommodation.

### Course Objective

With a Transport Canada qualified gliding instructor in a two-seat glider:-

1. Learn the basic piloting skills required for flying a glider.
2. Provide a thorough introduction all aspects of glider operation.
3. Experience the joy of gliding in the mountains around the Town of Hope.

Obtain a Transport Canada, Student Pilot Permit and Radio Licence.  
(Participants will receive study materials prior to attending the course.)

### Student Learning Expectations

On completion of the course the student pilot will have learnt:

- Glider pre-flight preparation.
- Launch point safety procedures.
- How to take-off a glider and release at altitude.
- Many of the flying maneuvers in the training syllabus.
- How to identify and use air currents to climb and travel in the mountains.
- How to approach the airfield and land.
- About the great sport of flying gliders in B.C.
- The operation of an aviation radio.
- The rules governing aircraft flying in the mountains.

### Course Dates

1. Holiday Course No.1 - July 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>
2. Holiday Course No.2 - July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Student Pilot Requirements

- Must be 14 years minimum.
- Maximum student weight 242lbs (glider limit)
- Must be in reasonably good health.

## **HGC Staff**

The VSA will have two qualified gliding instructors and other administrative staff to teach and provide ground support for the course. The plan is to make three flights per day, two in the morning and a longer soaring flight in the afternoon. A minimum of 4 and maximum of 6 students can be accommodated.

## **Course Outline**

Training will follow the Transport Canada approved, Soaring Association of Canada flying training syllabus. It is expected that all the basic flying training exercises will be covered and that by the end of the week the student will be doing most of the flying. It is not possible in a week for a new student pilot to gain sufficient experience to fly to the required standard for solo flight.

## **Course Daily Schedule**

Start 0800 hours with glider inspection and taking the gliders to the flight line ready for flying, followed by a briefing on the day's activities. The plan is to fly until approximately 1800 hours. A one hour lunch break will be scheduled.

The intention is to have 2 training flights of up to ½ hour each before lunch, and after lunch a 1 hour soaring flight in the local mountains.

## **Course Package Details**

The course package includes:

1. A weekly membership in the Hope Gliding Centre
2. A weekly membership in the Soaring Association of Canada
3. Flying insurance
4. Log books and Soaring Manual
5. Flying instruction for the week (3 flights per day)
6. Ground school
7. Student Pilot Permit
8. Radio Licence
9. Breakfast, Box lunch and catered dinner
10. Meeting new friends

## **Course Cost**

The all Inclusive Cost of \$1,750.00 covers flight and ground instruction, glider rental, glider launching, instruction books, relevant printed information and use of all HGC facilities.

Course costs include applicable PST and GST

A deposit of \$250.00 is required which will be deducted from the course cost.

Should it not be possible to fly on any day due to weather or other situations out of control of either the participant or VSA, the flying and launching costs will be refunded accordingly.

## **Eating and Sleeping at Hope**

Camping by the Clubhouse where RV's, campers and travel trailers can be parked is included as is use of the washrooms, showers, kitchen and lounge area. There are no services for RV's.

Motel accommodation is available within a short driving/walking distance from the airfield at a discount for course participants. Please let us know well before your course date if you require motel accommodation and we will arrange.

## **Arrival at hope Airport**

Participants should arrive at the airfield Sunday afternoon to meet your instructors and other participants, check out the facilities, see our operation, and choose your camping site (or check in at the motel)

The evening meal will be at 1900 hours. Registration and an introduction to the program will take place after dinner.

## **Hope Gliding Centre**

For more information on the HGC facilities and gliders see: <http://www.vsa.ca/> Blanik VSL and Grob 103 VSA are used for flight training.

## **Information on Gliding**

Many books have been written about learning to glide. Local libraries usually have some. Aero Training Products - see: <http://www.aerotraining.com/> and Aviation World – see: <http://www.aviationworld.net/> , located close to the South Terminal of the Vancouver Airport, has a selection books.

## **Miscellaneous**

Beware soaring is infectious. When you sign up, you will have joined a true band of committed enthusiasts. You can fly gliders in most western countries. Gliding clubs usually have reciprocal flying privileges for experienced licensed pilots.

Gliding is an outdoor activity, as such is weather dependent. Basically, if it is not raining and we have a cloud base higher than 2,000ft, flying will take place.

Participants can bring a non-flying significant other, relative or friend along. There will be a small charge for the use of the facilities and the meals will be charged at the same rate as the participants.

## **What next**

If you have any questions please call the number on the front page.

E-mail us and we will send an application form. Complete and return the registration form with a \$250.00 deposit. On receipt of your application and depending on your experience, we will mail the appropriate study materials to you.