

Air Sailing, Inc. presents The 2025 Thermal Camp June 2-June 6, 2025



Audience

This five-day camp starts the first Monday in June and ends the following Friday afternoon. It is for the licensed beginner and intermediate-level glider pilots who want to develop efficient thermal soaring skills for longer local flights and for safe cross-country flights.

Objective

The objective of the Thermal Camp is to develop and sharpen thermalling and soaring abilities through comprehensive lectures, practical demonstrations, and daily practice of the basic concepts and skills of recreational thermal soaring.

Daily Schedule

Thermal Camp is five days of soaring talk and practice. Daily lectures, demonstrations, and flights start at 8:30 AM and continue through at least 5:00 PM.

Prerequisites

Participants must have at least a Private Pilot Glider certificate. Participants must provide their own glider with proof of glider liability insurance.

Costs

The \$350 participant fee per glider (\$150 per additional pilot per glider) includes five days of training and course materials, \$50 oxygen fee for unlimited oxygen fill-ups and a one year Air Sailing Membership (see form for reduced fees for current ASI and Nevada Soaring Association members). Tow charges, living expenses, and incidental costs (e.g. banquet), are not included in the participant fee.

- Free Glider & Trailer Tie Downs
- Free On-site Tent Camping
- Unlimited Oxygen included in fee

All prices and rates are subject to possible change without notice. For Travel-Trailer rental and RV campsite reservations, contact Camp Director; ljsuter@gmail.com

Daily Topics

- Orientation to Air Sailing Gliderport
- Thermalling Attitude/Airspeed Control
- Thermalling Technique Angle of Bank
- Techniques for Centering Thermals
- Thermalling Rules and Procedures
- Soaring Flight Safety
- Finding thermals

• RV sites are \$10 per week

• Speed to fly between thermals

• Travel-Trailer Rentals are \$100 per week

- Types of lift
- Preparation for Cross-Country Flight

Participants are welcome to bring two-place gliders and their instructors.

(Additional Pilot fee is waived for certified flight instructors.)

Participants will have opportunities to complete SSA A, B, C, and Bronze Badge requirements and to make FAI Silver and Gold Badge altitude gain and duration flights.

Registration

Larry Suter, Camp Manager 1643 Warsaw Ave. Livermore, CA 94550 <u>ljsuter@gmail.com</u>

www.airsailing.org

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Air

Sailing, Inc. Air Sailing, Inc. is a not-for-profit, volunteer-run, membership organization established by its

founders in 1970. Air Sailing Gliderport is located in the Warm Springs Valley, 25 miles north of Reno, Nevada. The gliderport property has been granted in perpetuity to Air Sailing, Inc. by a patent deed from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. Our revenue is derived from memberships, donations, fund raising, an annual banquet, educational soaring camps,

and hangar & tie down fees.

Facilities Air Sailing Gliderport has picnic tables, charcoal and gas barbeque grills, travel-trailer rentals,

campsites for tents and RVs, shade trees, hangar glider storage, outside glider tie downs, heated men's and women's bathrooms and showers, telephone, wireless high speed internet, and plenty of high-quality water available for your use. Tows are available from either of two tow planes at \$2.20 per 100 feet plus a \$4/launch runway maintenance fee (subject to change).

Drive-In

Directions Interstate 80 & Pyramid Way Exit, Sparks 0.0 Cumulative Miles

Pyramid Way & McCarren Blvd., Sparks

1.6
Pyramid Way @ Sav Mart Shopping Center, Spanish Springs
(last groceries and fuel)

7.8

Pyramid Way & Winnemucca Ranch Road

Winnemucca Ranch Road & Rangeland Road

21.2

(end of pavement)
Winnemucca Ranch Road & Air Sailing West Access Road 23.6

Air Sailing Gliderport

Fly-In Directions

Air Sailing Gliderport is 20 nautical miles from the Mustang VOR (FMG - 117.9 MHz), on

the 338° radial. Longitude 39° 52' N Latitude 119° 42' W CTAF 122.90 MHz

Prior permission needed- contact Camp Manager; ljsuter@gmail.com

On-site Club Nevada Soaring Association

http://nevadasoaring.com/

Other Air Sailing activities in which you might be interested!

Cross-Country Camp – June 8-13 Sports Class Contest – July 14-June 18

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Name:		
Telephone: Home	Email:	
Mailing Address: _		
\$350 per Glider ((\$150 per additional pilot per glider):	_
Please make all ch	necks payable to Air Sailing, Inc.	
	□ \$50 Deposit check enclosed □ \$350* Camp Fee check enclosed □ \$300* Camp Fee check enclosed (for current ASI members) □ \$250* Camp Fee check enclosed (for current ASI and NSA m □ \$150* Additional Pilot Fee check enclosed □ \$100* Additional Pilot Fee check enclosed (for current ASI n xygen and course materials. Tows, living expenses, gliders, and incidental costs (e.g. banquet) are m	nembe
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Glider Owner:		
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Pilot Certificate No.: ✓ Glider Ratings:	☐ Private ☐ Commercial ☐ Instructor	
Date of Last Flight R	eview:	
Club Affiliation:		
Total Soaring Experi	ence: Hours Flights Hours Last 90 Days	
Total Soaring Experi		

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