

# ***Soar Like an Eagle...***

## ***Tandem Paragliding Adventures...***

### ***Vail Valley Paragliding***

#### ***Call TODAY - (970) 845-7321***



**FLY TANDEM  
FOR THE  
THRILL OF  
A LIFETIME!!!**

Contact:

David Champaign: 970 / 845-7321



**No experience necessary -  
All you need is Desire!!!**

Daily Flights - Weather Permitting.

Ages 10 - 80 - Health Permitting.

Weight 90 to 225± lbs.

**Instructional Bellyache Ridge**

Edwards Morning Flights

8am + 9:30am

**\$205**

**Wolcott Sunset Flights**

**\$275**

You've always dreamed of flying.

Now's your chance!

Call TODAY to book your adventure.

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## TANDEM PARAGLIDING RIDES

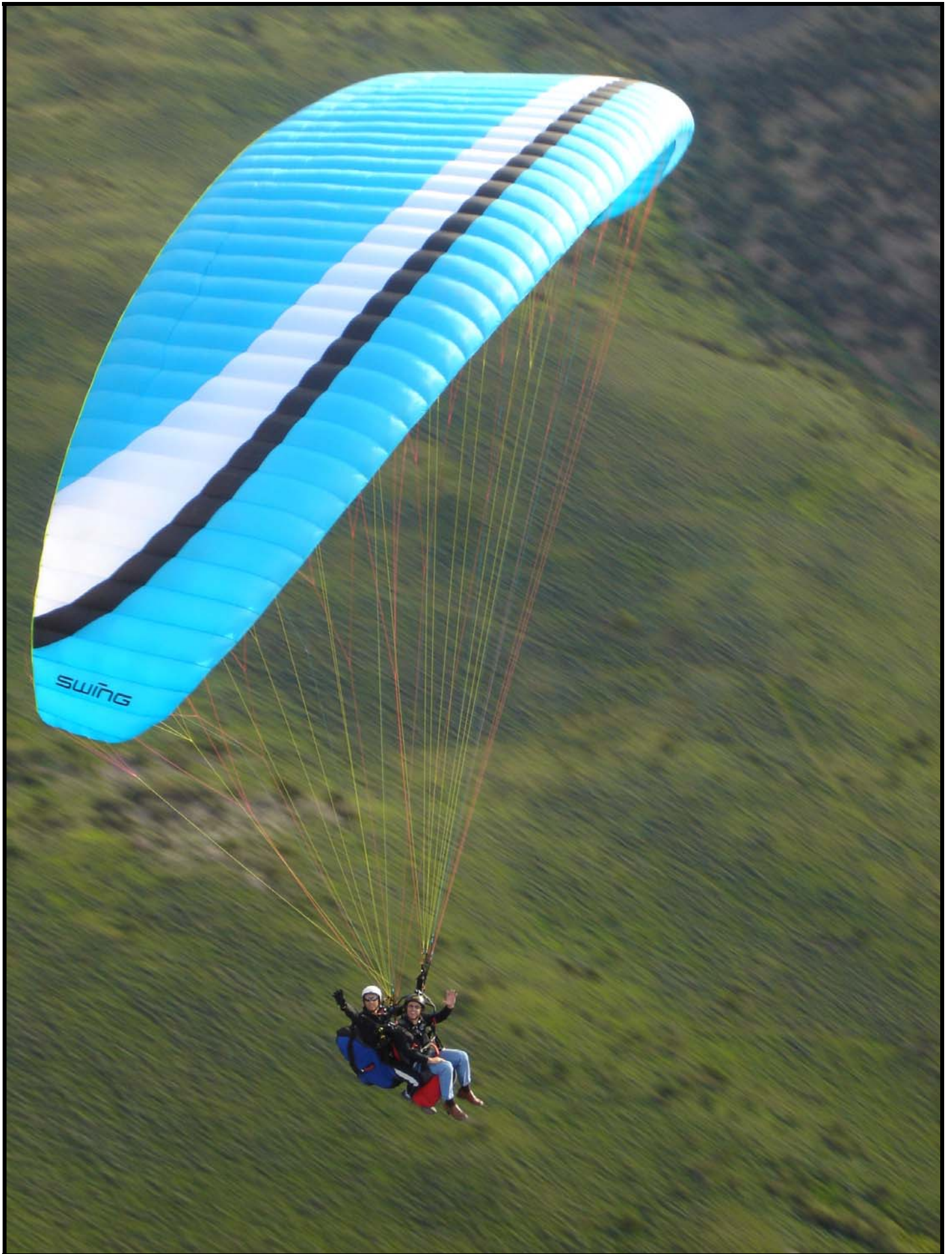
### Passenger Check List

- ◆ **Dress in layers:** Long pant legs; or shorts in combination with a zip up or slip on outer pant is ideal. Short sleeve T-Shirt with a light long sleeve windbreaker or long sleeve shirt. Footwear should ideally have sufficient ankle support; hiking or snowboarding boots. You'll need to be able to run in them. If not then wear comfortable tennis shoes with mid ankle height socks. Before and immediately after the flight you will want to dress down to stay cool depending on the weather.
- ◆ **Refreshment:** Bring plenty of bottled water, fruit or snack bars. If you are going to bring it with you on the flight then make it something that can be packed away without crushing it. Hint; you can freeze your water or snack bars the night before so that they are good and cold when you want them.
- ◆ **Transportation:** For your comfort I would recommend that you bring your own transportation so that you can depart directly after your flight. It would be helpful if you have a friend or family member accompany you and act as a driver to return our transportation to the landing area while we are flying. We will meet at our Bellyache landing zone and then carpool to the launch site on Bellyache Ridge. If you do not have your own transportation we will provide it, but expect delays and to be packed together with loads of equipment. Your friend can man a camera or video camera and then drive our car back down to the landing zone to meet you.
- ◆ **Equipment:** We shall provide a helmet and gloves. However, should you have your own gloves that fit you properly this may be preferable. You can also take a disposable camera with you on the flight. I'd recommend that you attach a string to it so that if dropped it can be easily retrieved. I also have digital cameras for you and family members. All other equipment shall be provided for your flight. You will be required to sign a statement of health, a release of liability and waiver and release of liability from the United States Hang Gliding Association. Tandem Paragliding flights are afforded by a special FAA exemption on an instructional basis for the purpose of promoting the sport.
- ◆ **Directions to Bellyache Ridge:** If we don't make plans to meet at one of the local coffee shops then we shall meet at a designated time at our landing zone in Edwards. To get there exit I-70 at Edwards (Exit NO. 163) and travel south on Edwards Access Road. At the main stop light in Edwards take a right on the frontage road – Highway 6. Continue traveling west until you pass the trailer park on either side of the road. Turn right on Hill Crest Dr. over the bridge over the Eagle River. Just the other side of the tracks; take a left on Red Canyon Estates Road and travel parallel to I-70 headed west. Travel straight ahead when you come to a small amount of pavement (*located near a turn to the right and passage under I-70 that serves Red Mountain Canyon*). Check the mirror and slow down being aware that traffic can exit this passage under I-70. Be alert. Just a couple of hundred feet further down a dirt road you will be stopped from traveling further by a gated fence. Pull your car to the side of the road and wait here. Most likely several other vehicles will park here as the pilots aggregate.
- ◆ **Contact:** All Paraglider Pilots carry commercial band radios tuned locally to frequency 151.925 MHz. Stop any pilot and ask him to attempt to contact any other pilot you may need. If you have brought a friend along we can provide them with a radio so that you can communicate with them during your flight. Or if you prefer you can get out your own Talk-Abouts and stay in touch this way. This is helpful for staying in touch. Cellular telephone service in the landing zone is hit and miss, however, if you wish to contact David Champaign you can dial 970/845-7321 to reach him on his cell phone or leave a message for him. It's important to be on time.
- ◆ **Requirements:** Ideally your weight should be between 100 and 225 pounds US; although we can accommodate passengers outside these weights with advance notice and proper conditions. Let your pilot know exactly how much you weight so that he can appropriate. Prior to your flight you shall be briefed on flight plan, a few directive commands and use of the equipment.
- ◆ **Website:** Visit us on-line at: [www.VailValleyParagliding.com](http://www.VailValleyParagliding.com)



















# RIDING THE WINDS

Imagine being a modern Daedalus, strapping on your wing, and gliding above the earth – paragliding, in fact, on a wing of nylon. The basic skills are easy to learn, and flying on the first day is common. The equipment is simple, lightweight and relatively inexpensive compared to other aircraft. A paraglider is often confused with

a parasail, which is towed behind a boat under a vented circular parachute. Paragliding offers much more of the flying experience. Launched by running down a slope into a breeze, the pilot can gently glide down hundreds or sometimes thousands of feet to a

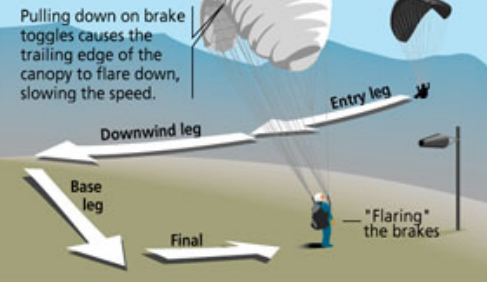
designated landing area. More experienced pilots can launch into the more active rising air to thousands of feet above the point of launch, soaring for several hours and traveling several miles cross country. A simple wing – the kind of aircraft Leonardo da Vinci could have loved.

**LAUNCHING:** Each launch consists of three phases:

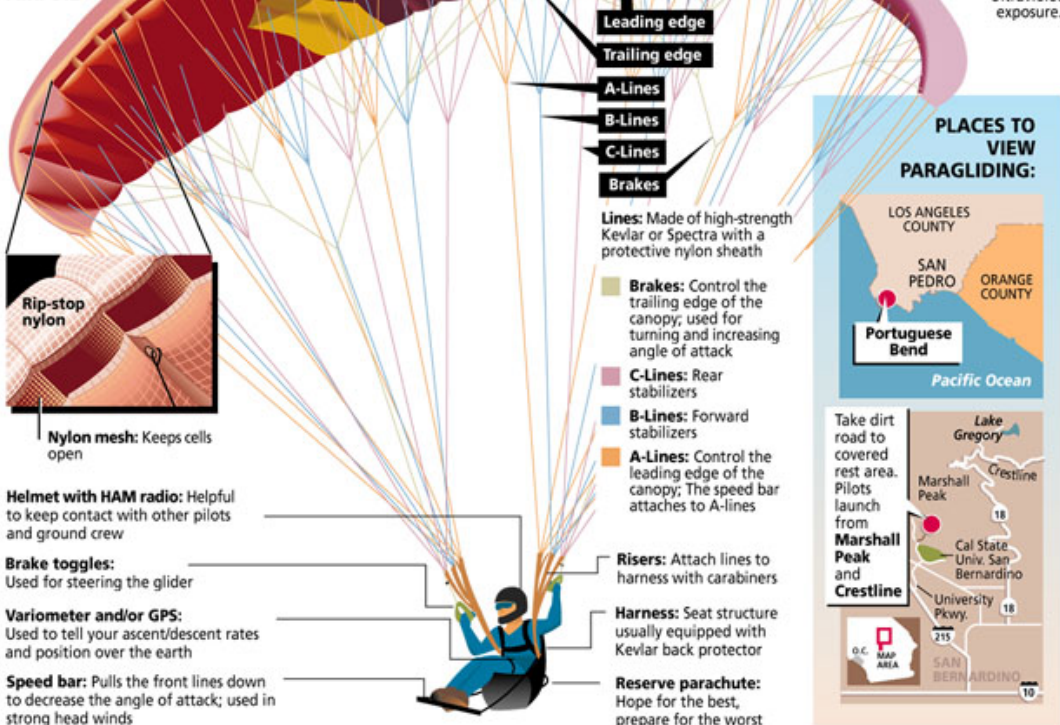
- ▶ Inflating the canopy
- ▶ Controlling and checking the canopy
- ▶ Launching the canopy



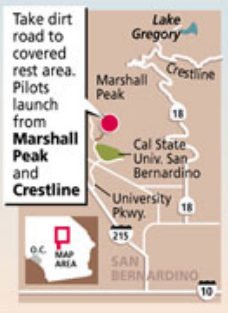
**LANDING:** An ideal landing is to slow your descent and forward motion to a near stop so your feet touch the ground nearly motionless relative to the ground.



**RAM AIR INFLATED AIRFOIL**

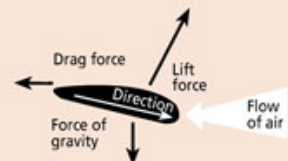


## PLACES TO VIEW PARAGLIDING:



**FORCES ON A WING:** A wing has the ability to create a force perpendicular to the flow of air over it and against the force of drag. This aerodynamic is called lift.

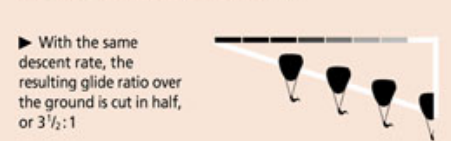
- ▶ A wing being acted upon by a balanced system of forces



- ▶ An average paraglider gets a lift-to-drag ratio of 7:1, in still air the forward horizontal speed through the air is 20 mph and the vertical descent speed is 3 mph



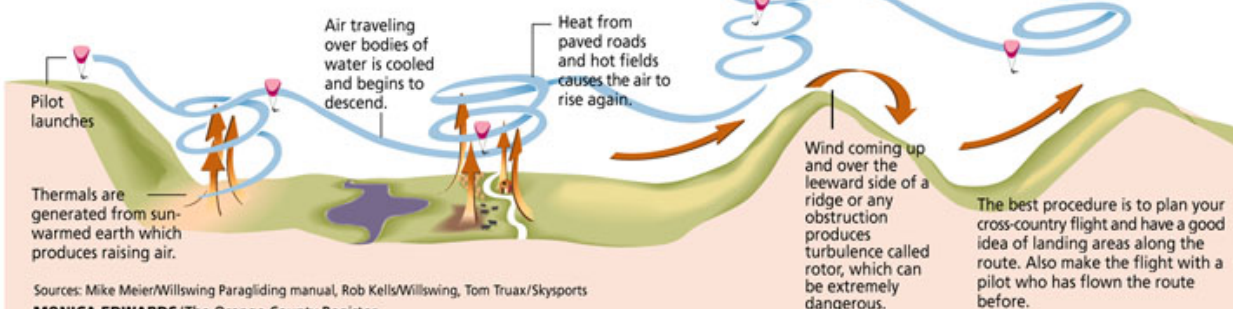
- ▶ With a 20-mph forward speed and a 10-mph wind speed in the opposite direction, the resulting forward speed over the ground is 10 mph



## CROSS-COUNTRY FLYING:

Whenever flying to an area outside of the glide range, the pilot must launch and search for a thermal to climb to higher elevations and fly from one lift source to the next, extending the distance flown.

Mountain ridges typically collect thermals, and canyons channel stronger winds. These are areas where thermal density is enhanced above normal and can carry a paraglider to higher altitudes. These are also areas of turbulence and sinking air.



## POINTS OF INTEREST

737: 35,000 feet

### OTHER FACTS

- ▶ U.S. distance record: **124 miles** 1995-Tom Truax, Owens Valley, 7.5 hours
- ▶ World distance record: **208.8 miles** 1995-Bojan Marcic, South Africa

Paragliders: up to 18,000 feet\*

Mount Whitney: 14,494 feet (highest point in California)

Skydivers: 12,000 feet

\* Federal Aviation Administration legal limit is 18,000 feet. Pilots have flown above limit with special FAA permit.

Sources: Mike Meier/Willswing Paragliding manual, Rob Kells/Willswing, Tom Truax/Skysports

MONICA EDWARDS/The Orange County Register

## DECLARATION OF FITNESS FOR HANG GLIDING, PARAGLIDING OR ULTRALIGHTING

(Hereinafter collectively called Gliding)

I hereby declare that I am physically fit. I do not, and have not, suffered from any of the following conditions, which I understand may lead to a dangerous situation with regard to other persons or myself during Gliding activities:

Epilepsy, fits, severe head injury, recurrent blackouts or giddiness, disease of the brain or nervous system, high blood pressure, lung or heart disease, recurrent weakness or dislocation of any limb, diabetes, mental illness, drug or alcohol addiction, recent back injury, arthritis and severe joint sprains, chronic bronchitis, asthma, rheumatic fever, thyroid adrenal or other glandular disorder, recent blood donation or any condition that requires the regular use of drugs.

I hereby declare that I have no physical or mental condition that should preclude me from participating in my chosen activity, that I am not participating against medical advice or treatment, and that I have not been diagnosed by a registered doctor as having a terminal illness.

I further declare that in the event that I feel ill or unwell, have any physical complaints whatsoever or if an injury is sustained of any kind during the course of Gliding activities. I will notify the instructor immediately.

**I have read the above Declarations, understand them, and I agree to be bound by them.**

S/ _____	_____	_____
Signature of Adult Participant	Name of Adult Participant (Please Print)	Date

_____	_____
Address of Adult Participant	Phone #

_____	_____	_____
Signature of Parent or Guardian if Participant is a Minor, and by their signature, they on my behalf release all claims that both they and I have	Name of Parent or Guardian (Please Print)	Date

_____	_____
Address of Parent or Guardian	Phone #

_____	_____
Name of Minor (Please Print)	Date

\*\*\*\*\*  
If you cannot sign the above declaration because of any of the above conditions, you must notify the instructor immediately before commencing any activity.  
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**PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN. THANK YOU.**

**PASA – HGPGL0004 (0703)**



# HANG GLIDING, PARAGLIDING AND/OR ULTRALIGHTING RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF LEGAL RIGHTS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

In consideration for the renting, purchasing or leasing of Hang Gliding or Paragliding and/or Ultralighting from Vail Valley Paragliding and/or the utilizing of the facilities, ground school, instruction, premises, and equipment of Vail Valley Paragliding in engaging in the sport of Hang Gliding, Paragliding and/or Ultralighting ground instruction, flight instruction and related activities, (hereinafter collectively called "Gliding"). I hereby understand and agree to this Release of Liability, Waiver of Legal Rights and Assumption of Risk and to the terms hereof as follows:

1. I acknowledge that Gliding is an action sport and recreational activity involving travel in three dimensions and such activity is subject to mishap and even injury to participants. I understand I may suffer a broken limb, paralysis or fatal injury while participating in the sport of Gliding (Initial here\_\_\_\_\_).
2. I further acknowledge that there are no warranties applicable to the purchase, rental or lease of Gliding equipment by me and that all warranties whether expressed or implied are excluded. THERE IS NO WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR THAT THE SAID GLIDING EQUIPMENT IS FIT FOR ANY PURPOSE, and that I am accepting the said Gliding equipment as is and I hereby acknowledge that I will personally examine the said Gliding equipment prior to my using of the same (Initial here\_\_\_\_\_).
3. **I hereby RELEASE AND DISCHARGE Vail Valley Paragliding , the State of Colorado, the Towns of Vail and Avon, Colorado, Hyatt/Beaver Creek, Christie Lodge Homeowners Association, Chris Jouflas, John & Diana Donovan, Bureau of Land Management,** and their officers, directors, elected officials, agents, employees, instructors, pilots and owners of equipment and the land used for Gliding activities (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Released Parties"), from any and all liability, claims, demands or causes of action that I may hereafter have for injuries / damages arising out of my participation in Gliding activities, including, but not limited to, losses CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES (Initial here\_\_\_\_\_).
4. I understand and acknowledge that Gliding activities have inherent dangers that no amount of care, caution, instruction or expertise can eliminate and I EXPRESSLY AND VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISK OF DEATH OR PERSONAL INJURY SUSTAINED WHILE PARTICIPATING IN GLIDING ACTIVITIES WHETHER OR NOT CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASE PARTIES (Initial here\_\_\_\_\_).
5. I further agree that I WILL NOT SUE OR MAKE A CLAIM against the Released Parties for damages or other losses sustained as a result of my participation in Gliding activities (Initial here\_\_\_\_\_).

Page 1 of 2 as acknowledged by.....

Signature of Adult Participant	Name of Adult Participant (Please Print)	Date
Signature of Parent or Guardian if Participant is a Minor, and by their signature, they on my behalf release all claims that both they and I have.	Name of Parent or Guardian (Please Print)	Date
	Name of Minor (Please Print)	Date



6. I also agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE RELEASED PARTIES HARMLESS from all claims, judgments, and costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with any action brought as a result of my participation in Gliding activities. (Initial here\_\_\_\_\_).
7. I will take full responsibility for, and hold harmless Released Parties for any injury that I may suffer or inflict upon others or their property as a result of my engaging in Gliding activities (Initial here\_\_\_\_\_).
8. I agree that I will operate the said Gliding equipment in a reasonable and safe manner so as not to endanger the lives of persons or property of any individual (Initial here\_\_\_\_\_).
9. I have read and understood the above and acknowledge that the same constitutes a release of liability and a waiver of my legal rights and also acknowledgement of the assumption of liability by me of all risks arising out of my engaging in Gliding activities (Initial here\_\_\_\_\_).
10. I further represent that this Release of Liability, Waiver of Legal Rights and Assumption of Risk shall continue in full force and effect for so long as I engage in Gliding activities which are in any way connected to or with the Released Parties (Initial here\_\_\_\_\_).
11. I further represent that I am at least 18 years of age, or that as the parent or (adult) legal guardian, I waive and release any and all legal rights that may accrue to me, to my minor child or to the minor child for whom I am (adult) legal guardian, as the result of any injury that my minor child, the minor child for whom I am (adult) legal guardian or I may suffer while engaging in Gliding activities (Initial here\_\_\_\_\_).
12. I hereby expressly recognize that this Release of Liability, Waiver of Legal Rights and Assumption of Risks is a contract pursuant to which I have released any and all claims against the Released Parties resulting from participation in Gliding activities including any claims by the negligence of the Released Parties by any of the undersigned (Initial here\_\_\_\_\_).

**I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF LEGAL RIGHTS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS.**

**I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY IT.**

This the _____ day of _____ 20 _____ .	
_____ Signature of Adult Participant	_____ Name of Minor Child
_____ Name of Adult Participant (Please Print)	_____ Signature of Parent or Guardian of Minor Child
_____ 	_____ Name of Parent or Guardian of Minor Child (Please Print)



**RELEASE OF LIABILITY  
AND ASSUMPTION OF ALL RISKS**

1. Acknowledgement. The undersigned intends to participate in a tandem paragliding flight operated by Vail Valley Paragliding, P.O. Box 246, Avon, Colorado 81620. The flight has been offered or arranged on behalf of Vail Valley Paragliding by David Champaign ("Champaign"). Champaign is the Resident Manager at The Christie Lodge and is an employee of The Christie Lodge Owners Association, Inc. (the "Association"). The undersigned acknowledges that the Association has no relationship with Vail Valley Paragliding and that Champaign is operating as an employee, agent or independent contractor of Vail Valley Paragliding and not as an employee, agent or independent contractor of the Association in offering, arranging and/or operating the paragliding flight.

2. Assumption of All Risks. The undersigned acknowledges that tandem paragliding involves risks to the undersigned and to unknown third parties including, but not limited to, risks of delays, postponement, unanticipated events, inconvenience, illness, injury, emotional trauma or death. The undersigned accepts full responsibility for the decision to undertake such activity and has not relied on the Association, its directors, officers, agents, managers, servants, employees, owners or guests and occupants (collectively, the "Christie Parties") in the evaluation of the undersigned's ability to participate successfully and safely in the activity. The undersigned acknowledges that neither the Association nor the Christie Parties have made warranties or representations, express or implied, whatsoever regarding the undersigned's participation in the paragliding activity.

3. Release of Liability. The undersigned waives, releases and covenants not to sue the Association or the Christie Parties for any and all liability, claims, demands or actions or other causes of action whatsoever involving any delay, postponement, unanticipated event, inconvenience, illness, injury, emotional trauma or death to the undersigned or any third party or the property of the undersigned or any third party arising out of the undersigned's participation in the paragliding activity.

4. Binding Arbitration. The undersigned agrees that any dispute with the Association or the Christie Parties concerning, relating, or referring to this Release of Liability and Assumption of All Risks, or the paragliding activity itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration according to the then existing rules of the American Arbitration Association in Denver, Colorado. Such proceedings will be governed by substantive Colorado law excluding any application or consideration of the Uniform Arbitration Act enacted by Colorado, to the extent it is inconsistent with the rules of the American Arbitration Association.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian of a Minor: I, as parent or guardian of the below named minor, hereby give my permission for my child or ward to participate in the trip and further agree, individually and on behalf of my child or ward, to the terms above.

Name of Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Releasor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_