

Santa Skydive Day

FAQ's & Further Information

What's it like?

Imagine standing at the edge of an open doorway in an aircraft flying at 10,000 feet - the noise of the engines and the wind ringing in your ears with only the outline of distant fields below. Now imagine leaning forward out of that doorway and letting go - falling forward into the clouds, diving down through the air as you start freefalling at over 120mph! Then imagine the peace and quiet as the canopy opens, the steering toggles come down either side of you and you begin a tranquil parachute descent from a mile up in the air, steering yourself back down to the centre of the drop zone below – in a Santa suit! Imagine being able to do this for FREE whilst harnessed to a professional freefall parachute instructor and at the same time being able to help a national charity! Stop imagining, it's real and it's happening all the time and you can be part of it...

What does the jump involve?

Technically the jump is called a 'Tandem Skydive'. It is a Skydive because you will be freefalling through the air (without the parachute deployed) for several thousand feet; it is in Tandem because you will be harnessed to a professional parachute instructor at all times throughout the descent (see front photo). This is the only way you can jump from such an altitude without spending thousands of pounds becoming a freefall parachutist. This is literally the chance of a lifetime!

This jump is also much less demanding than the traditional 'static line' jump as the jump and training are completed in one day and your instructor will be in control of your landing.

Points to remember:

- Jump and training completed in one day
- Harnessed to an experienced parachute instructor at all times
- Jump from at least 10,000 feet - just like the professionals
- Freefall down to 5,000 feet - falling through the air at 120 mph!
- Ride the parachute down to the ground - we teach you how to steer onto the drop zone
- Landing controlled by your instructor
- Certificate to prove that you have completed a 'two-mile high' Tandem Skydive!

What must I do to qualify for a free jump?

All you have to do is raise £550 in aid of St Richard's Hospice by asking your friends and colleagues to sponsor you, we recommend using Just Giving as our preferred platform. Please do not be put off by this amount - if you ask everybody you know to sponsor you, you will find you can quite easily raise the minimum £550 sponsorship and remember, every penny you raise over the minimum will be further contributing to St Richard's Hospice and giving **you** the chance to make an exhilarating freefall parachute jump for FREE!

What do I do next?

Read the following pages entitled 'Important Information' and 'Paying Your Sponsorship Money' and then simply choose a date for your jump and complete an online booking at www.skylineparachuting.co.uk. After that all you have to do is make an exhilarating Tandem Skydive from 10,000 feet for FREE!

When can I jump?

We have organised a designated day for our Santa to soar through the sky on Saturday 6th December.

Where is the airfield?

We mainly use Hinton Airfield in Brackley, Northants (NN13 5NS) which is situated 15 miles north of Oxford but we do have access to other airfields. Once your online booking has been received and processed, full confirmation details will be sent to you, including a map and directions to the airfield.

Are there any restrictions on age or health?

For a tandem skydive you must be at least 16 years old and be under 15 stone in weight. Please note some centres have lower weight limits - please contact us for details. The principal medical restrictions are diabetes, epilepsy, fits, recurrent blackouts, heart or lung disease, mental illness and some cases of asthma. You will be required to sign a medical form before your jump declaring your fitness to take part - this will be sent to you upon receipt of your online booking but is also available on request. Those under the age of 18 will need the medical form signed by a parent or guardian; those with a medical condition will need it signed by their doctor.

Pre-existing physical conditions will not necessarily prevent you from taking part but please inform Skyline of any physical condition as this may affect the location of your jump. If you are in any doubt then please contact us for further information.

What about insurance?

You will automatically be covered for up to £2,000,000 third party insurance but this will not cover you for personal injury. Should you wish to take out cover for personal injury you should either arrange this through your own broker or you can contact us on the number below and we will send you a Personal Insurance Form.

How do I book my place for a FREE jump?

Simply complete your booking online as soon as possible and certainly no later than the latest booking date indicated by your charity. Please note you must also provide a £70 booking deposit when you book online (which can be taken out of your minimum sponsorship money).

Paying your sponsorship money

You must show evidence to St Richard's Hospice that you are track to hitting your £550 target two weeks prior to your jump date so your costs can be paid. You will then have four weeks from the date of your jump before your sponsorship is due in whole.

Alternatively, you can pay for your own jump costs (currently £250 at Hinton Airfield) and raise as much in sponsorship as you can.

Finally

We sincerely hope that you decide to give it a go - it has often been described as a thrilling 'once in a lifetime' experience and is an excellent way in which to raise funds for such a worthwhile cause. There will be lots of other people trying parachuting for the very first time on the day, so you are welcome to bring along your friends and family so they can watch you on a day you will simply never forget: The day you perform an exhilarating skydive or parachute jump in aid of St Richard's Hospice.