

6 DAY GLIDING TRAINING AND MOUNTAIN SOARING COURSE

**LAKE STATION AIRFIELD
21 Feb TO 26 Feb 2010**



**GIVE YOURSELF
A FLYING START!**

SIX DAYS OF LEARNING TO FLY A GLIDER AND AN INTRODUCTION TO MOUNTAIN SOARING.

This is a residential course held at St Arnaud. Numbers are limited to a total of 6 students.

COURSE PROGRAMME: Students will be sent some Instructional notes prior to the Course starting. There will be evening lectures (and in any wet weather) & flying training by day from the Lake Station gliding strip (9 km from St Arnaud). For aircraft we use two Grob 103 twin II dual control gliders. Students sit the front seat & certified instructors in the back seat. Jerry O'Neill is the course director. When weather permits and students have grasped rudimentary flying skills and glider familiarity, longer cross country flights are undertaken. This lets you experience the purpose of learning to fly our gliders – mountain soaring. Meanwhile back at the airstrip, as it were, students progress towards solo flight at **individual** rates. However most people who have had no previous piloting experience will probably not gain sufficient competency during this course to go solo. Nevertheless, they are likely to be well on the way to doing so and are likely to achieve it soon afterwards by attending normal weekend club days – especially good is Easter Camp.

STARTING TIME: - 9am Sunday 21st Feb 2010 to FINISH pm Friday 26th Feb.

ACCOMMODATION: Students are responsible for their own accommodation. However the Red Deer Lodge with bunkroom accommodation and a kitchen has been booked and is available to students at \$15 a night. The local general store in St Arnaud has a good range of foodstuffs. Also, there are meals served at the Alpine Lodge.

COURSE COSTS & MONEY UPFRONT:

If you are not already a member of a gliding club, to confirm your position on the course you will require \$330 for annual membership to join a club (Nelson Lakes, Canterbury or Marlborough Clubs) plus \$800 credit in your flying account. Total \$1130. The credit in your account is deducted at the normal club rates of \$12 per launch plus \$48 per hour of aircraft time. (There is also the option of taking the bulk flying rate. contact us for more details). There is an additional course charge of \$30 per day which is not charged if bad weather prevents flying on a particular day. It is anticipated that this \$800 amount will enable the average student to complete the course -however this could of course vary according to amount of flying done. If you cancel from the course & we are able to find a replacement all your payment will be fully refunded. If we are unable to find a replacement we will refund 50% of your initial payment.

RECOMMENDED GEAR: Sleeping bag. Short gumboots are recommended due to the possibility of wet grass on the strip. A hat & jacket etc. Notebooks & cellphone with txtng facility.

AIRSTRIP DUTIES:

As a club member, after training, you will be able to perform duties at the strip such as retrieving gliders and launching cable in the club cars. Also timekeeping & wingman duties.

Truly, this course this is a fantastic opportunity. Some previous participants have described it as the best week of their lives!

TO APPLY for this exciting course-send your full name& contact details to Fred McKee 03-5448595...email f-pmckee@ts.co.nz

You may also contact Instructor Frank Saxton on 03 5466098 for more information or email info@glidingnelson.co.nz or visit our web site www.glidingnelson.co.nz (for example under the 'soaring stories' page there is one titled Abinitio Forced From Nest written by a student who attended the 2006 course.) and also one "Local mountain roaming" from last year. Cheers.