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Welcome to Skydive Spaceland's Skydiver Training Program—the most complete, progressive skydiving training method in use. United States Parachute Association (USPA) instructors who have been skydiving for almost 30 years (some of whom have more than 10,000 skydives) have combined their extensive experience and knowledge to create this program, which graduates more than twice as many skydiving students as any other skydiving school in the U.S. We combine the latest skydiving technology with proven techniques that allow a broad group of people to excel by combining safety, fun and education in a non-competitive, relaxed environment.



We teach you how to skydive in several steps, breaking up the information into focused, easily understood sessions in which you can progress at your own rate.



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Exit from up to 14,000 feet and perform exciting maneuvers at 120 mph—while your personal instructor flies with you and shoots video for FREE.



Enjoy a 4-6 minute canopy descent while learning to make a soft, on-target landing with radio assistance from your instructor.



Your instructor will use the video to debrief your skydive and landing to maximize your learning curve.



Once you have your United States Parachute Association A license, you can skydive anywhere in the world.

Student Equipment

Performance Designs (PD) Navigator/Sabre2 or Aerodyne Solo main canopies (sized 150-300 ft²)

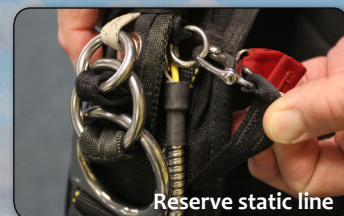
PD Optimum or Aerodyne Smart reserves (sized 143-281 ft²)



Open-face hard helmets/
Flex goggles



State-of-the-art
Altitrack freefall altimeter/computer or Larsen & Brusgaard Viso digital altimeters



Reserve static line



Pillow cutaway
handle



D ring reserve
handle



Cypres 2 Automatic Activation Devices

Top-of-the-line Javelin Odyssey and Aerodyne Icon containers have safety features including reserve static lines and Cypres 2 Automatic Activation Devices. Hackey main deployment handles are located on the bottom of the container.

Parachute Equipment



Your skydiving career starts with two tandem skydives. Our tandem parachute rigs (above) are state-of-the-art United Parachute Technologies Sigma containers with Icarus tandem main canopies, UPT Vector Reserves, and safety devices including reserve static lines, Skyhooks, and Cypres-2 Automatic Activation Devices.

We keep several solo freefall rigs (below) in each canopy size, with harness sizes to fit all body sizes and types. Rig colors coordinate with parachute colors to indicate parachute size at a glance.

Full-time riggers keep our equipment in top-notch shape in our dedicated rigging loft.



Training Facilities/Aircraft



“Malfunction Junction” training area with four standing harness simulators allows instructors to train four students simultaneously on pull, emergency management, and canopy flight procedures with complete, adjustable, realistic handle and reserve static line setups.

Skydive Spaceland enjoys multiple bases of operation for our popular program—we train skydiving students just south of Houston, Texas in Rosharon; northeast of Dallas, Texas, in Whitewright; near Austin/San Antonio in San Marcos, Texas; west of Atlanta, Georgia, in Rockmart; and near Miami, Florida, in Clewiston.

Unlike weekend skydiving centers, Skydive Spaceland locations operate all week and feature full-time instructors and support staff and fast, high-capacity turbine aircraft for the high volume of flights needed for our STP students to complete their training quickly.

Our Super Caravan and Super Otter aircraft (featured below) are our primary jump ships, holding 18-23 jumpers per flight. Learn to skydive by yourself or with 20 of your closest friends... either way we're ready for you!



The opposite side of Malfunction Junction includes two life-size side-door aircraft mockups, with inner floater bars, for training different aircraft exit positions.



Primary aircraft: Super Caravan side-door aircraft, which carries 18 jumpers to altitude and completes 4 loads/hour.



Also available: Super Twin Otter side-door aircraft, which carries 23 jumpers to altitude and completes 3.5 loads/hour.

Last But Never Least... Our Staff!



At Skydive Spaceland, we are fortunate to have a highly experienced and skilled full-time staff, many of whom have tens of thousands of skydives apiece. Many of our instructors have been trained in our methods from the ground up by The Ratings Center, which is based at our Houston location. Our staff takes pride and ownership in our training program and is continually taking initiative to make it even better.

***We look forward to
flying with you!***



Get Your License in a Week!



Did you know you can get your skydiving license in as little as a week? At Skydive Spaceland you can! Blitz through training in just a few short days or take all the time you need; either way, purchasing our all-inclusive* A license package is the most cost-effective way to complete the Skydiver Training Program (STP). It saves you more than \$540! You'll also get perks such as instructor priority (and free lodging in the bunkhouse at our Houston and Dallas locations).

Weather permitting, the ideal A in a week schedule is as follows. If you can't manage this schedule, we are happy to work with you to design a schedule that suits your needs. For more information or to schedule training, call us at 281-369-3337 (Houston), 903-364-5103 (Dallas), 800-U-GO-JUMP (Florida), 770-748-2200 (Atlanta), or 512-488-2214 (San Marcos)! You may want to plan for an extra day or few if you're traveling here in case of weather delays. If the weather's great and you get done early, you'll have more time for fun jumps at the end!

If you're training all day, please arrive when we open at 7:30 a.m. weekends, 8 a.m. weekdays, to get an early start! Be hydrated, rested, and well fed because you're going to work hard! We have vending machines and some locations have on-site delis to keep you fed/hydrated throughout the day, but feel free to bring your own if you prefer. You'll learn to pack your parachute as your schedule and weather permit (cloudy/rainy days are perfect for this).

More Information

- [Common STP Questions](#) • [Purchase STP jumps online](#) • Videos: [Learning to Fly at Spaceland](#) | [A license in 4 Days](#)

Day 1 (Sunday): Ground Training, STP Jump 1

We start with the STP Solo Transition Class, which is roughly a 4-hour class. Afterward, you'll make your first STP jump, working on stability, altitude awareness, and canopy control. *Note: You will need to have completed two tandems before your first STP jump, with the latest one two weeks or less before your STP class.*

Day 2: STP Jumps 2-5

Today we'll build on yesterday's skills so you can earn your instructor's release, then learn solo turns and docking on your instructor. You'll have time between jumps to get a drink and snack, and debrief each jump before the next one.

Day 3: Jumps 6-9

Today we're working on barrel rolls, front and back flips, and forward and backward movement.

Day 4: Jumps 10-15

Today is for sideways movement, fall rate control, diving after your instructor, and practicing for your evaluation dive.

Day 5: Jumps 16-20, Hop and Pop, Graduation Jump

Let's refine your skills, practice an emergency-style exit, and guess what? Today you get to pick out some things YOU want to do on your skydives! You'll finish the day by preparing for your first true solo (graduation) jump.

Day 6: Skydiving On Your Own: 5 Solo Skydives

Time to fly on your own! You've got five jumps in the bank to start exploring the sky as you choose. Upon completing your solo skydives... Congratulations! You're now a license-qualified skydiver, cleared to skydive without supervision.

Day 7: Fun Jumps!!!

Today you can finish up any items remaining for your license and go play! We'll help you fill out your license application and send it to USPA. You did it!!!!

**Not included: Two prerequisite tandem skydives (because many students already have those) and any rejumps that may be needed. United States Parachute Association membership/license fees, parachute packing class, and free bunkhouse lodging (Texas locations) are included.*