GirlGuiding NZ Skydiving FAQ's

What skydive sites can I jump from?
There are four skydive sites across the country that we have reserved spaces at:
Christchurch https://www.skydivingkiwis.com/about-us.php
Auckland http://www.skydiveauckland.com/skydive/skydive-for-charity.html
Taupō https://www.skydivetaupo.co.nz/
If you live in a different area and would like to skydive, then please get in touch with the fundraising team and we can discuss options of booking a location closer to you.

What if I cannot do the skydive on Sunday 10 November?
That's totally fine. Just let us know what day you can do the skydive and we can book that in for you.

What time are the skydives?
To have the best possible chance of skydiving on the day, we will book the morning time slots. They are usually between 8-9am, depending on the skydive site you have chosen to jump from. Once you register, the fundraising team will be able to give you the exact details of your skydive site. It is advised to allow three hours from start to finish. If the weather is perfect you could be up and down within the hour, but if the weather is not perfect, you may have to wait for the weather to improve before you can jump.

What if the weather is not suitable for skydiving?
Like many outdoor sports, skydiving is sensitive to weather. Since the weather can change very quickly, we will only confirm your skydive one hour before your booking time. If the weather conditions are not perfect and we get delayed, your skydive experience may take a little longer than the three hours we ask you to allow. Should your experience be on hold our team will look after you and, if you can't skydive on the day, we'll help you to reschedule, without any further costs to you or the charity.

What is the age limit for skydiving?
There is no age restriction for tandem skydiving in New Zealand. People as old as 90 and as young as seven have skydived in New Zealand. If you are under 18 years of age, you will need a parent or guardian with you to sign the consent form on your behalf. When taking small children, the only limitation is their size and making sure the harness fits correctly. 20,000ft skydives are limited to those who are 15 years or over. Regardless of age, the minimum sponsorship is still $900 per skydiver.

Is there a weight limit?
If you are over 100kg you may not be able to skydive. Everyone is weighed on arrival and a decision is made dependent on the conditions on the day. If you are over this weight, it's important to call the skydive site you wish to jump from to discuss your options.

How much do I need to fundraise?
By signing up you have agreed to raise the minimum amount of $900 online by at least one week before the skydive event date. The fundraising team will support you with setting up an online fundraising page with EveryDay Hero and give you tips and tricks to maximise the amount of money you raise to ensure you reach your target. GirlGuiding NZ reserves the right to postpone or cancel your skydive date if you have not raised the full amount one week before your skydive.

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What is EveryDay Hero?
EveryDay Hero is a tool to receive donations online. Most charities encourage their fundraisers to use EveryDay Hero to raise funds for their chosen charity as it's safe, secure and fast.
It takes less than five minutes to set up your EveryDay Hero page as its quick and easy, but if you're having issues, a member of the fundraising team at GirlGuiding NZ can help you - just give us a call.
When your friends or family donate to your page, the donation is directly sent to GirlGuiding NZ and a tax receipt is automatically emailed to the donor. This means you don't have to do any handling of cash or cheques.

Where is the money I raise going to?
A portion of the money you raise will pay for the skydive itself. However all the skydive sites have generously given GirlGuiding NZ a charity discount. The remainder of the donations will help us give more girls the chance to learn skills, make friends, have adventures and grow in confidence. It will help us continue to recruit, train and develop our leaders to be awesome role models for our girls. As a charity, without fundraisers like you, we simply couldn't do this.

Can I raise money for my local unit?
This is a national event and therefore all funds will go through national office and cannot be tagged to specific regions or units. The money raised directly impacts each region as the donations are used at a national level to continue to develop and grow GirlGuiding in all areas of the country.

Can I buy a video and photos of my skydive?
All the skydive sites offer personalised one-on-one video and photo options in high definition to capture every moment of your experience, from before you jump to after you land. Relive the adrenalin rush over and over again, have evidence of your achievement and the proof that you jumped out of a plane! If you wish to have this, you can book and pay for this directly with the skydiving company on the day. Please note GirlGuiding NZ does not pay for this on your behalf.

If I want to purchase photo/video or jump from a higher height than 13,000ft, what type of payment do the skydive sites accept?
Most skydive sites accept credit card payments via Visa, MasterCard, Eftpos NZ and cash in New Zealand dollars. Please note a 1.5% surcharge is applicable when paying by credit card.

Can I take my camera in the plane with me?
Due to strict regulations, customers are not permitted to take any objects with them, including cameras. This is for the safety of customers, instructors and the general public.

What if I wear contact lenses or glasses?
The views are spectacular, we don't want you to miss them! Glasses and contact lenses can be worn and you will be provided with goggles.

What should I wear to go skydiving?
The skydive site will provide all your equipment - you just need to wear comfortable clothing that is appropriate to the weather. You must wear comfortable shoes that can be secured, such as trainers/sneakers. High heels, jandals and flip-flops are not suitable foot wear and cannot be worn.

Can I bring spectators?
Yes! Most of the skydive sites have a fantastic viewing deck with plenty of seating so that your friends and family can watch you land.

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How long will it take?
Although it often takes less time for your tandem skydive experience, we must always allow for changeable weather conditions. We ask you to allow three hours from your booking time for the entire tandem skydiving experience.

What is the landing like?
During the registration process, you will be briefed on several points, including landing. The skydive sites' highly skilled instructors are trained to bring you back to earth as softly as possible. While they can give you a thrilling ride under your parachute, when it is time for landing, you follow some simple instructions to help aid a soft landing in front of your friends and family who will be cheering you along.

Can I skydive if I have an injury or medical problem?
If you are unsure if an existing medical condition or injury will affect your skydive, please consult with your doctor for advice. We are unable to advise on medical issues.

What if I wear dentures?
You can skydive with dentures, but we recommend that since you will be smiling so much that you fix them with a strong glue!

Is it normal to feel scared?
Tandem skydiving is an adrenalin activity and it is normal to feel a little scared, but skydiving is an amazing experience like no other and that's why it makes such an excellent fundraiser! The highly experienced instructors will talk you through everything and help you to feel as relaxed as possible.

What should I expect during my skydive?
Upon arrival, you will check in and watch a short video about the activity and a short video with safety instructions. You will then be fitted with a jumpsuit and harness and provided with goggles and a hat. Now it is time to meet your tandem instructor! If you have purchased a photo and video package, this will begin whilst you are on the ground before you head to the plane. When ready, you will board the plane where you will experience a 15-20 minute scenic flight before reaching your chosen jump altitude. Upon exit from the aircraft you will feel the acceleration as you freefall for 30-75 seconds, depending on the chosen height of your jump. At around 6,000ft your parachute will open and you will have a further five-eight minute parachute ride down to the ground. As soon as you land you will want to do it all over again! Photo and video packages will be ready within approximately 20 minutes after landing and you will receive this on a unique USB. You can view your photos and watch your video on the screens at the skydiving site and see yourself jumping out of a plane!

Can I go skydiving after scuba diving?
Due to the risk of decompression sickness, you must wait a minimum of 24 hours between carrying out a scuba dive, then going skydiving. If you have completed any diving which has required several decompressions stops, then we suggest a minimum of 48 hours.

I have some more questions, who can I call?
It would be great to hear from you and answer any further questions or concerns you may have. Please call Anneke Liefting, Fund Development Manager for GirlGuiding NZ on 0800 22 22 92 ext 3776 or mobile: 027 445 0026 or email: anneke.liefting@girlguidingnz.org.nz