

YOSEMITE HANG GLIDING ASSOCIATION

SITE MANAGEMENT MANUAL

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK
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YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK HANG GLIDING SITE MANUAL ("SITE MANUAL")

I. INTRODUCTION

Yosemite National Park's Glacier Point is a premier site for hang gliding in Northern California. The site is currently open to advanced rated pilots only. Oversight of hang gliding at this site is provided by the Yosemite Hang Gliding Association, Inc. (YHGA) by authority of a special use permit issued by Yosemite National Park. Throughout this manual, hang gliding is meant to include class 1 and 2 non-powered hang gliders only and specifically excludes class 3 (paragliders) and parachutes used in base jumping activities. The purpose of this Site Manual is to set forth the program developed by YHGA to ensure that:

- 1) Hang gliding fully meets Yosemite's standards for safety,
- 2) Hang gliding is compatible with other uses of the Park, and
- 3) Yosemite National Park remains open for hang gliding.

This manual contains a brief description of the Yosemite Hang Gliding Association and the hang gliding Safety Program. The Safety Program sets forth the policy and detailed procedures developed to ensure the safest hang gliding possible at Glacier Point. The appendices contain all of the procedures, forms, and other documentation to be used in the execution of this program by pilots, YHGA officers and members.

II. YOSEMITE HANG GLIDING ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Yosemite Hang Gliding Association was formed in 1990 specifically for the purpose of preserving hang gliding at Glacier Point in Yosemite National Park. YHGA is currently affiliated as a Chapter of the United States Hang Gliding Association (USHGA). Its individual members include leading glider manufacturers, innovators in the development of training practices, leaders in the national organization including examiners and members of the USHGA Board of Directors.

The primary objectives of the YHGA Board of Directors are to maintain the successful practice of hang gliding in Yosemite National Park while ensuring that Park rules and regulations are adhered to and that all hang gliding activities are conducted in the safest possible manner and in a manner which promotes a positive image of the sport to other Park visitors.

The Board of Directors consists of volunteer pilots living throughout California. Due to the geographic separation of the board members, the business of the Association is conducted primarily through the mail, over the internet and meetings are scheduled on an as needed basis.

The board communicates with the membership through a newsletter which is published a minimum of once a year, normally 30 days before the opening of the Yosemite flying season (generally Memorial Day weekend) and within 60 days of the close of the season (generally mid-September).

The YHGA has established a group of volunteer "Site Monitors" who are authorized to oversee hang gliding activities within Yosemite National Park. It is the responsibility of the Site Monitor to check the qualifications of each pilot seeking to fly within the Park and ensure that each is familiar with the site rules and regulations. The Site Monitor is responsible for ensuring that the safety of the site is not compromised by hazardous conditions or failure of equipment utilized at the site. The Site Monitor is responsible for communicating with the National Park Service (NPS) Fire Dispatch to ensure that the air space within in valley is clear of other flight activity before allowing any hang glider pilot to launch. The Site Monitors conduct routine inspections of the site and notify the Park and the YHGA Board of Directors of any concerns. The Monitors also complete accident and incident reports and submit recommendations for improvements, if applicable. Copies of all accident and incident reports are forwarded to the YHGA Board of Directors and the Park's representative within 3-7 days.

III. SAFETY PROGRAM

A high level of safety can be achieved only if all YHGA members work actively toward this goal. The Yosemite hang gliding safety program is designed to minimize the potential for accidents. It includes requirements and procedures for pilots, emergency preparedness and response procedures for accidents, and guidelines for reporting and handling violations of the Site Procedures and Safety Requirements. The program includes associated documentation and report forms for use by YHGA members and guidelines for coordinating the program between YHGA Board members and Yosemite National Park. The safety program is fully consistent with USHGA Basic Safety Guidelines, Part 100, and Park emergency procedures.

A. SITE FEATURES AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

The Glacier Point site (the only approved launch site within Yosemite National Park) provides advanced rated pilots with a 3,200 ft. vertical cliff launch. The unobstructed launch, a steep sloping granite rock, faces directly towards Vernal and Nevada falls to the East. The large, clear landing area is located approximately one mile northwest of the Glacier Point launch in Leidig Meadow. Although very large, this meadow is surrounded on all sides by 100 ft. to 200 ft. tall trees and on two sides by a meandering river.

At launch, pilots can expect light breezes of 2-3 mph during the launch window of 7:00 am to 9:00 am. Conditions within the landing area are very light.

The only equipment utilized at the launch site is a two way radio that is used to communicate with the NPS Fire Dispatch and a public phone which is located at the concession stand. The radio is used to communicate with NPS Fire Dispatch and receive clearance to launch gliders into the valley. There is no requirement for any other equipment. A basic first aid kit is maintained with the site monitor control kit.

B. SITE PROCEDURES AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

In order to maximize safety and to retain the special use permit, hang gliding in Yosemite National Park is very closely controlled. This requires that pilots be knowledgeable of and adhere to important information pertaining to the Glacier Point site. The Yosemite National Park Site Procedures and Safety Requirements ("Site Procedures") is the document that contains this information. The Site Procedures together with the registration and waiver forms are found in Appendix 2. It includes a site map and describes pilot registration, proficiency requirements, monitor responsibilities, flight safety requirements and accountability, emergency procedures, and penalties for violations. All pilots flying in Yosemite National Park are required to read the Site Procedures and agree to adhere to its requirements. All registration forms will be kept on permanent file.

The YHGA Board of Directors will undertake an annual review of the Site Manual and Site Procedures and make revisions as needed. The Board of Directors will approve revisions for YHGA, and submit the revisions for final approval by the Yosemite National Park representative. Changes from previous versions will be marked for easy identification.

Hang gliding safety will be compromised if hazardous weather conditions develop, conflicting park operations commence or basic procedures are ignored. To guard against such occurrences impacting the execution of safe flights, Monitors will receive specialized training by past/current Site Monitors as to how to manage hang gliding at Glacier Point prior to performing as a Monitor.

C. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES

Procedures for dealing with emergencies at the site have been developed to deal specifically with the requirements of hang gliding in Yosemite National Park. These procedures are fully compatible with existing Park emergency procedures. To enable any YHGA member or other user of the site to follow these procedures, all relevant information is provided in the Site Procedures and included with the site monitor's control kit.

Several types of emergencies may arise in connection with hang gliding in Yosemite National Park. These include: 1) glider accident involving injury, 2) glider accident without pilot injury, and 3) non-flying related medical emergency.

In the event of an injury accident or illness requiring medical treatment, the following steps should be followed:

- 1) If necessary, close launch window and terminate all other flight activities for the day.
- 2) Call Dispatch on radio (radio call 719) or by public phone (911).
- 3) If the victim requires medical treatment call a Park Ranger.
- 4) Give first aid to victim or ensure that victim receives proper care. Basic first-aid equipment is available with the Site Monitor's control kit.
- 6) Notify the Park Ranger(s) and YHGA officer(s) as soon as possible. An accident report should be completed and forwarded to the Park Ranger(s) and YHGA Board of Directors within 3 days. A sample accident report form is contained in Appendix 3.

In the event of a non-injury accident, an accident report should be completed and forwarded to the Park Ranger(s) and YHGA Board of Directors, within 5 days.

D. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS

Formal accident investigations will only be required in the event of a "major" injury accident (life threatening, excluding common bone fractures) or upon request by the Park Ranger. All incidents involving personnel injury or property damage are to be reported to the National Park Service.

E. VIOLATION AND INCIDENT REPORTING

In keeping with the customary practice in hang gliding, YHGA relies primarily on self-regulation by authorized Monitors and member pilots to ensure that the Site Procedures are adhered to in Yosemite National Park. The monitors have the primary responsibility to enforce the Site Procedures. Suitable guidelines for handling violations on site are provided in the Site Procedures, including a list of specific violations and penalties. Response to violations will generally involve immediate suspension of the offending pilot by the monitor present on site. An Incident Report (Appendix 4) will be filed with the YHGA Board of Directors. As protection for the site, the suspension will remain effective until the matter can be addressed by the Board of Directors. All Site Procedure violations will be investigated by the Board of Directors and offending pilots dealt with according to the best judgment of the Board members. Violations will generally result in suspension of Yosemite flying privileges for a specified period of time. In the event a violation seriously jeopardizes flying in Yosemite National Park or the welfare of the sport, the YHGA Board of Directors will inform the USHGA and recommend the appropriate action which may include the revocation of the pilot's rating card.

APPENDICES

1. YHGA Bylaws
2. Yosemite National Park Site Procedures and Safety Requirements (Including Site Map and Pilot Registration forms)
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BYLAWS OF THE YOSEMITE HANG GLIDING ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE.

Section 1. The name of this Association shall be the Yosemite Hang Gliding Association, Inc. (YHGA)

Section 2. The purpose of the YHGA is to: 1) provide an organization which works with Yosemite National Park to preserve the sport of hang gliding in Yosemite National Park, 2) promote safety, 3) improve the public image of the sport, and 4) to the exchange of information among its members.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. A member of YHGA is an individual who has filed an application for membership with the Treasurer and whose dues are paid.

Section 2. A full member will receive the YHGA Newsletter and may vote as provided for in these bylaws.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS.

Section 1. There are no regularly scheduled meetings of the YHGA. All necessary business will be conducted by the Board of Directors or through the mail as determined necessary by the Board.

ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Section 1. The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that all flight activities conducted within Yosemite National Park are conducted in a manner which does not jeopardize the future of hang gliding in the Park. The Board is ultimately responsible for developing and maintaining Site Procedures which are accepted and approved by Yosemite National Park. The Board will keep the membership informed of its activities and all actions are subject to review and approval by the membership of YHGA. The Board will also perform other duties noted in the bylaws. Within the Board, issues will be decided by a majority vote of all Board members.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of YHGA consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Flight Director.

Section 2. The term of office is one year. Elections are held during November of each year. Candidates for office may be nominated or volunteer. All candidates must be YHGA members and their nominations must be seconded by another YHGA member. The names of candidates for office will be published in the newsletter prior to November and the election will be conducted by mail. The election will be decided by a simple majority vote of the members submitting ballots within the time frame specified in the newsletter.

Section 3. Any officer vacancy shall be filled by majority vote of the members at the earliest possible opportunity.

Section 4. Each officer shall serve without compensation or reward, except as otherwise provided by these bylaws.

Section 5. The duties of the officers are as follows.

President - The President shall have general supervision of the management of all affairs of YHGA. With the approval of the other Board members, the President will appoint the Newsletter Editor and sign and execute all contracts in the name of YHGA.

Vice-President - The Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers of and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President and shall perform such duties as delegated to him by the President.

Secretary - The Secretary shall record and submit the minutes of all Board activities to the Newsletter Editor, be responsible for membership notices and keeping historical records of the club, and shall perform other duties as delegated by the President.

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall manage the receipt and deposit of YHGA funds, make disbursements authorized in budgets approved by the Board, prepare all required financial reports, accept applications for membership and keep records of membership applications, expirations, and renewals. The Treasurer will perform other duties as delegated by the President and make reports on YHGA membership and financial status in each issue of the newsletter.

Flight Director - The Flight Director is responsible for keeping the membership advised of all matters pertaining to flight safety and flying activities at sites in current use or contemplated for future use by YHGA members. He is responsible for recommending YHGA policy in all matters relating to safety, training, and instruction. He reviews all rules and procedures for site operations undertaken by YHGA. He investigates and reports to members on significant accidents. He must be a USHGA Observer or Instructor holding a USHGA pilot proficiency rating of at least Hang IV.

Section 6. Removal From Office. An officer may be removed from office for cause, such as

violation of bylaws of YHGA, or for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of YHGA. Such action shall require the affirmative vote of all the other officers.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEE

Section 1. Committees may be formed by the President at any time deemed necessary. Committee chairmen are appointed by the President subject to veto by the Executive Board. The members are appointed to or dropped from the committee by the Committee Chairman with the approval of the President. Committees function as special groups organized to carry out specific activities of the club. Committee actions or decisions affecting the club membership must be submitted to the membership for approval by majority vote. The Executive Board may review committee actions as appropriate.

ARTICLE VII - NEWSLETTER

Section 1. The newsletter is published twice a year by the Newsletter Editor. The newsletter will contain notification of club activities, financial reports, a schedule of open flying days, a summary of accident/incident reports and any other information deemed important for the continued safe use of Yosemite National Park.

Section 2. Newsletter Editor - The Newsletter Editor is responsible for all activities necessary to publish the YHGA Newsletter twice a year. This includes organizing, composing, printing, and distribution of contributed material for the newsletter which is to be received by contributing members in advance of each publication date. The Newsletter Editor maintains the library of all issues published by the club. The Newsletter Editor is appointed by the President subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS.

The bylaws may be amended with the approval of two-thirds of the membership through a mail-in-ballot. An amendment may be proposed by a majority of the Executive Board or by petition of twenty percent of the membership. All amendments must be published in full in the newsletter along with a mail-in- ballot which will be used to determine membership acceptance or rejection of the amendment.

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK SITE PROCEDURES AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS ("SITE PROCEDURES")

I. INTRODUCTION.

The Yosemite Hang Gliding Association (YHGA) is designated by Yosemite National Park, through a special use permit, to administer all hang gliding activities within Yosemite National Park. The purpose of these procedures is to inform pilots of their responsibilities while flying in Yosemite. This is essential to ensure maximum safety and protect future access to the site for the entire hang gliding community. Throughout this manual, hang gliding is meant to include class 1 and 2 non-powered hang gliders only and specifically excludes class 3 (paragliders) and parachutes used in base jumping activities.

II. SITE DESCRIPTION

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At launch, pilots can expect light breezes of 2-3 mph during the launch window of 7:00 am to 9:00 am. Conditions within the landing area are very light with most landings being made towards the east.

III. PILOT REGISTRATION

Flying at Glacier Point is limited to those days when an approved site monitor is present. A schedule for site monitor availability will be published in Hang Gliding Magazine at least 60 days in advance and changes to the schedule will be available from the USHGA up to 14 days in advance.

Pilots wishing to fly from Glacier Point should make reservations for each day they wish to fly. Reservations can be made by logging on to the Association's web site at www.yhga.org. Reservations are accepted on a first-come first-served basis. Reservations will be accepted for the first sixteen pilots only, after which a waiting list will be initiated. Site Monitors will download a reservation list from the web site prior to arriving at Yosemite National Park. Reservations may not be accepted for the upcoming weekend after 10:00 am. on the preceding Friday. Pilots who show up at Glacier Point without reservations will only be allowed to fly if

there is room in the sixteen pilot group and they are on site in time to safely set up their equipment and sign in. The site monitor has the final say in deciding if a pilot is allowed to fly or not.

All pilots, including YHGA members and non-members must: (1) read the "Site Procedures for Pilots" (2) fill out and sign the registration form prior to initiating any flight. All pilots must be at least 18 years old. The registration materials and forms may be obtained from YHGA Site Monitors. All registration forms will be kept on permanent file by the YHGA President. For insurance purposes all pilots must be current members of the United States Hang Gliding Association (USHGA) and must have their laminated USHGA membership card in their possession to fly. Temporary membership/rating forms will not be accepted as proof of membership/rating. All pilots flying from Glacier Point will be asked to make a \$5.00 donation per flight to cover YHGA expenses (insurance, radio equipment, supplies and reservation services) and contributions to the Yosemite Rescue Fund. This donation is in addition to any YHGA membership fee which may be in effect.

IV. PILOT PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

As noted above, ONLY advanced rated pilots (or above) are permitted to fly in Yosemite National Park.

Tandem: Currently, no tandem flights are allowed within Yosemite National Park.

Aerobatics: Aerobatic flying from Glacier Point is not permitted. For the purpose of these Site Procedures, aerobatic flying is defined as any maneuver that exceeds a bank angle of 90 degrees or nose up or down pitch angle of 30 degrees or spins. Any violation of this rule will result in an immediate suspension of all flying privileges for a minimum period of 30 days and a maximum of 1 year.

Paragliders: Paragliding in Yosemite National Park is not allowed. Any pilot conducting a paraglider flight will be subject to citation by the National Park Service. Additionally, if the pilot is a member of the USHGA, he/she may also face disciplinary action from the USHGA.

V. PILOT SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITY

This section summarizes the safety-related responsibilities contained in the Site Procedures for all users of the site.

A. All Pilots.

- 1) Read Procedures for Pilots and sign statement attesting to having read and agreeing to adhere to the Site Procedures.
- 2) Carry valid laminated USHGA card

- 3) Comply with all Flying and Site Safety Requirements (para. VI).
- 4) Are equipped with persona protective equipment (para. VI.A)
- 5) Have and airworthiness glider (para. VI.B)
- 6) Perform preflight and takeoff check (para. VI.C)

VI. FLYING AND SITE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All flying within Yosemite National Park will be conducted with safety as the first priority. Aside from obvious direct benefit to pilots, accident prevention is imperative to prevent loss of the site for hang gliding due to the high public visibility of Yosemite National Park.

A. Personal Protective Equipment - All pilots are required to wear a helmet and fly with a locking type carabiner and a backup hang loop. Pilots must also wear a parachute with safeties installed to prevent accidental deployments. It is further recommended that all pilots wear protective clothing covering arms and legs, enclosed footwear, gloves, and eyeglass retainers.

B. Glider Airworthiness - Gliders must be maintained in satisfactory airworthy condition in full accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Periodic inspection and maintenance are the responsibility of the pilot. If, in the judgment of a YHGA monitor, YHGA officer, or any YHGA member pilot, a glider is deemed unsafe (ie., does not meet current safety standards), then that member has the responsibility and authority to immediately ground that glider from flying at Yosemite.

C. Required Operating Procedures.

- 1) Preflight Check - Following glider assembly, the pilot will conduct a thorough preflight check in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Site Monitors will perform all preflights.
- 2) All launches must be witnessed and assisted by the on duty Site Monitor and must occur at the designated launch area just East of the Glacier Point information shack.
- 3) Takeoff Check - Prior to each takeoff, the pilot will follow standard check of harness hook-in, assure clear airspace before beginning the takeoff run, and allow sufficient clearance from launch to assure positive control of the glider before entering and securing the flight harness.
- 4) All landings within the park are restricted to the designated landing area (Leidig Meadow) except for emergency landings dictated by obvious safety considerations. Any Emergency landing will be reported to the NPS.
- 5) Immediately after landing, pilots must check for other approaching gliders and move their own glider as necessary to clear the touchdown point for the approaching glider.
- 6) Pilots are prohibited from using the site for testing experimental gliders, unnecessary parachute deployments, or any hazardous operations.
- 7) Pilots are responsible for adhering to all applicable Federal Air Regulations (FARs).

D. Unsafe Weather Conditions. The Site Monitor, or any YHGA officer may, on the basis of

adverse flying conditions, close the site to all flying for the duration of the adverse conditions.

E. Quantity of Flights Allowed. A maximum of sixteen (16) flights per day will be allowed from Glacier Point. This does not include the site monitor if he/she chooses to fly (ie., 17 flights will be allowed if the site monitor is flying). However, the Site Monitor will remain responsible for ensuring that ALL launches are completed by 9:00 am. and that all pilots are on the ground by 10:30 am. Reservations will not be taken for more than sixteen pilots. A waiting list will be initiated when all sixteen reserved spots are taken.

F. Spectators, Smoking.

- 1) Spectators - For their own safety, spectators are prohibited within twenty feet of the launch area. It is the Site Monitor's responsibility to maintain control of all spectators.
- 2) Spectators - Pilots are encouraged to remember that spectators are Park visitors also. Remember, they have just as much right to enjoy the Park's natural wonders as do the visiting hang glider pilots. Please be courteous.
- 3) Smoking - Due to extreme fire hazard in the summer and to simplify controlling this hazard, smoking is not permitted at any time in the launch and landing areas.

VII Monitor Responsibilities

The following represents the basic responsibilities of Site Monitors who have overall control and responsibility for all aspects of flight operations:

- 1) The Site Monitor will arrive at the Glacier Point launch area no later than 7:00 am. No flights will be permitted without a Site Monitor present.
- 2) The Site Monitor will check the credentials of all pilots to ensure current status of the pilot's advanced rating and the presence of all safety equipment described in section VI. A. above. The Site Monitor will also ensure that each pilot has read these Site Procedures and has a current signed release of liability on file.
- 3) The Site Monitor will advise all pilots of local weather conditions, launch considerations, landing zone location, emergency reporting procedures and any other information that is deemed necessary for a safe flight.
- 4) The Site Monitor has the final say in determining whether flights will be allowed or disallowed due to weather conditions, pilot condition, condition of flight equipment or Park operations which may present a conflict with hang glider flights.
- 5) The Site Monitor will contact the NPS Fire Dispatch after 8:00 am. to request air clearance via the two-way radio provided or telephone in the event of radio problems. If Fire Dispatch does not answer, call the NPS Main Dispatch (radio call 719) for air clearance. The Site Monitor will continue to monitor the radio until the last launch is completed.
- 6) The Site Monitor is responsible for crowd control at launch and will instruct the first pilot to launch to assume crowd control duties in the landing area.

- 7) The Site Monitor must report accidents to the NPS Dispatch (radio call 719) as follows:
NO INJURY-NO RESCUE REQUIRED: Call via telephone. If necessary, a ranger will respond as soon as possible to take an incident report.
INJURIES/RESCUE REQUIRED: Call via radio with location and extent of injuries. Also have a person with knowledge of the accident remain at the telephone located on the south side of the Glacier Point Gift Store for re-contact purposes.
- 8) The Site Monitor will ensure that all launches are completed by 9:00 am. and Fire Dispatch is notified upon completion of the last landing.

VIII Violations

National Park Rangers have authority to issue citations or make arrests for violations of Park regulations including but not limited to parking, speeding, or any violations of the terms of this document. Each approved Site Monitor is responsible for ensuring the YHGA Site Procedures are followed. Pilots who violate these procedures will have their flying privileges at Yosemite National Park suspended or revoked. YHGA penalties for violations are effective immediately and will be reviewed by the YHGA Board of Directors for further action if required. The following violations will result in suspension. Subsequent violations will carry higher penalties, up to and including permanent suspension. YHGA Site Monitors and/or member pilots must file an Incident Report with the Board of Directors for violations of Site Procedures or park rules. Incident Report forms are available in the launch area lockbox. Pilots are encouraged to submit an Incident Report for any other circumstances they feel constitute a threat to safe use of the site.

Specific site restrictions and representative penalties are described as follows. -

- A. A pilot who knowingly flies or knowingly allows another pilot to fly without current USHGA membership, the appropriate proficiency rating, or while on suspension from a previous violation, will be suspended for a minimum of 30 days.
- B. A pilot who performs aerobatics will have his/her normal flying privileges suspended for a minimum 30 days.
- C. Any pilot who flies in an obviously unsafe manner will have his/her flying privileges at Yosemite National Park, at least temporarily, if not permanently, revoked. This includes any aerobatics, in-flight maneuvers, or any other flying activity considered to be obviously unsafe according to the common sense and reasonable judgement of pilots of average experience. All penalties will be imposed without regard to the circumstances constituting such activity, whether related to inadequate skill level, lack of pilot judgement, operating with defective or unsafe equipment, endangering the safety of spectators or other pilots, flying in unsafe weather conditions, or any other factor. A penalty beginning from the time of infraction will extend for a 60-day period pending further action by the YHGA Board of Directors.
- D. Paragliders are not permitted to land or takeoff within Yosemite National Park. Any such

occurrence will result in the pilot having his/her privileges permanently revoked at Yosemite National Park, and the person(s) will be referred to the Park Rangers for further action.

IX EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In case of an injury accident or illness requiring medical treatment, the following steps should be followed:

- 1) Give first aid to victim. First-aid equipment is available in the launch area lockbox.
- 2) Call Fire Dispatch. Emergency telephones are located by the concession building. Contact can also be made via the 2-meter radio used to contact Fire Dispatch each morning.
- 3) Notify Park Rangers of any injury for transport or instructions.
- 4) An accident report (Accident Report Form, available in the launch area lockbox) should be transmitted to the YHGA Board of Directors and the Park Rangers within 24 hours but no later than 72 hours following an accident.
- 5) Notify the Park Ranger and YHGA officers as soon as possible. An on-site accident investigation will be initiated as soon as practicable by the site monitor if necessary including inspection of the location, the glider/equipment, and collection of other pertinent information regarding wind/weather conditions, damage, injuries, etc. Eyewitness names, phone numbers, and statements should be obtained from qualified individuals if possible. YHGA Accident Report forms for this purpose are available in the launch area lockbox.

In the absence of injury or illness requiring medical treatment, such as vehicle accident or fire, Park Rangers shall be notified. In case of fire, contact Fire Dispatch via telephone or radio.

X PROCEDURE CHANGES AND INFORMATION

The Yosemite National Park Hang Gliding Site Procedures are revised and updated as required by the YHGA Board of Directors subject to approval by the Park Ranger.

YHGA ACCIDENT REPORT FORM

This form is intended to report hang gliding accidents at Yosemite National Park in accordance with the Yosemite National Park Site Procedures. When completed this form should be sent to the YHGA Secretary.

Pilot's Name _____ Date _____

Pilot's Address _____

Pilot's Phone _____ Age _____ USHGA Rating _____

Glider Mfg. _____ Model _____ Size _____

Harness _____ Parachute _____ Deployed _____

Date Packed _____

Injuries _____

Description of Flight - Takeoff, flight path, landing/ground contact _____

Description of Accident _____

Reporter _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

YHGA INCIDENT REPORT FORM

This form is intended for use by YHGA members to report violations of the YHGA Site Procedures for hang gliding in Yosemite National Park or to report potential activities or hazards that threaten hang gliding safety, or the use of Yosemite National Park for hang gliding. When completed, this form should be sent to the YHGA Secretary.

Type of Incident:

- _____ Site Procedure violation
- _____ Unsafe flying maneuver
- _____ Potential glider/pilot safety hazard
- _____ Other _____

Date of incident _____ Time _____ Location _____

Description of incident _____

Suggestions/Recommendations

Submitted by _____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____

YOSEMITE HANG GLIDING ASSOCIATION, INC.

868 South Mary Ave.
Sunnyvale, Calif. 94087

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APPLICATION FOR FLYING GLACIER POINT

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

USHGA # _____ Expir. Date _____ Rating _____

Email address _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____

I have read and understand the Yosemite Hang Gliding Association's Site Procedures and agree to abide by these rules.

Pilot Signature

Date

I am donating an extra \$5.00 to help preserve this site by becoming a member of the Association and receive the Association's Newsletter.

Accepting Monitor

Sign initials _____