



ARE YOU
READY TO
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Parachuting Safety
Workshops with
Brian Germain



Two Day Course \$195 per person
One Day Student Course \$125 per person (NEW!)



"I took Brian's canopy control course this weekend at The Ranch. It was a life changing experience for me. Brian gives vocabulary, experience, and ideas as part of his course. It's like being under a waterfall, there's so much information there. And, it doesn't stop. Thank you, Brian."-Street Scooby, Blue Sky Ranch

"A true gentleman and teacher!"
-Bradley Moon, Skydive Sussex

"I feel so much more comfortable now than I ever did! I took about 20 pages of notes

and my head was just so full after day one that I couldn't sleep!"
Shahram Dabiri, Skydive Sussex

"I'm a big fan of Brian's courses - I encourage everyone I meet to take his courses, no matter how many jumps you've got. He's a great teacher." -Andrew Metcalfe, Chicagoland Skydiving

"Very relaxed atmosphere and very, very enlightening." -Ryan Hanold, Skydive Tecumseh

The Parachute and its Pilot

A Seminar Series

The course targets parachuting skills as the primary subject matter, from the perspective of a parachute designer, avid canopy piloting enthusiast, and transcending fear specialist. Brian will, however, adapt the class to incorporate anything the hosts believe to be appropriate, as well as shaping the subject matter to fit the needs of that particular group of students.

General Topics Include

1. Parachute Aerodynamics
2. Dynamic Maneuvers
3. Flying in Turbulence
4. Navigation
5. Pattern and Accuracy
6. Landings
7. Advanced Approaches
8. The Psychology of Adrenalin

Possible Additional Topics:

1. Packing Secrets
2. Gear Maintenance
3. Freeflying
4. Tracking Dives
5. Yoga and Meditation
Techniques to enhance
your skydiving
6. Nurturing wellness to be
the best you can be

We usually include jumping in the course, but that isn't necessary at all. The bulk of the learning is in the classroom, not the air. It has been aptly said: "The sky makes a terrible classroom." That is where we test new concepts, and create concrete experiences that deepen our understanding. Even if the weather prevents us from jumping, the course is very effective in creating long-term change.



If we get a chance to jump, Brian will provide specific jump objectives, as well as providing video debrief of landings. Jumps are usually made from 7000 feet AGL to allow the participants to focus exclusively on the targeted objectives of the jump. Good weather days usually allow us to make 2-3 jumps per day.

**A note on the one day course: we usually do not jump at all in this class, as there isn't ample time to jump and get through the information to make the course effective.*

We strongly recommend having video of each participant's landing prior to the course, in mini-DV format. This will personalize the discussions in the event that the weather does not work out for jumping.



The DZ management or host arranges my transportation (flights or gas), as well as reasonable accommodations. This can include staying at someone's house, or other cost-effective avenue (just not too trashy, please). It has become standard procedure for the host to charge a bit more than Brian's fee in order to cover the travel expenses, and even add a bit of profit to the endeavor.

Preferred class size is 10-20 participants. There is no maximum number of students, although more than 20 participants should include a third day.

We highly suggest booking well in advance of the planned date of the course, as the demand for this has become quite high worldwide. Emailing your jumpers with the course dates and details no less than one month before the course is essential for a good turnout.

Lastly, participants are urged to bring a notebook and pen. There is a great deal of information presented in the course, and writing it down significantly increases retention!

To begin the process of getting Brian to your drop zone, email us here:

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Outline

The Parachute and its Pilot

A Weekend with Brian Germain

*Times and topics and order will vary!

Day One (*Saturday Morning*)

(often moved to Saturday or Sunday)

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Essential Aerodynamics

10:0 AM - 10:10 AM Break

10:10 AM - 11:00 AM Canopy Structure and Function

11:00 AM - 11:10 AM Break

11:10 AM - 12:00 PM Parachute Dynamics

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Navigation

2:00 PM - 2:10 PM Break

2:10 PM - 3:00 PM Pattern and Accuracy

3:00 PM - 3:10 PM Break

3:10 PM - 4:00 PM Landing Theory and Methodology

4:00 PM - Early Evening Jumping and Debriefing (group)

**If the weather prevents jumping: Packing Secrets*

Day Two (*Sunday*)

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Turbulence and Parachute Stability

10:00 AM - 10:10 AM Break

10:10 AM - 11:00 AM High Speed Approaches

11:00 AM - 11:10 AM Break

11:10 AM - 12:00 PM Competition Approaches and Swooping

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Gear Issues

2:00 PM - 2:10 PM Break

2:10 PM - 3:00 PM Questions and Answers

3:00 PM - Sunset Jumping and debriefing

(If weather stinks: More in-depth discussion of High Speed Approaches and/or Landings)

Sunset Last Wrap-Up