



Junior Soaring Development and Training Camp

The SSA US Team Committee is planning to sponsor the first Junior Soaring Development and Training Camp July 11-17, 2004 in Moriarty, NM. The Camp will be open to Junior Soaring pilots age 24 and under (eligible for the WJGC in 2005) with Gold Distance or equivalent cross country experience preferred. The Camp is scheduled for the week between the Region 9 in Hobbs and the World & Standard Class Nationals also in Hobbs. We plan to work on developing skills such as thermaling, increasing cross country speed, and team

flying. There will be a mix of ground and in-flight instruction.

If you are a Junior pilot that has a sailplane suitable for cross country, or can borrow, rent, or embezzle one (well please return it when you are done) for this time, plan on coming! If you do not have a sailplane, but are interested in attending, we will attempt to find you one.

We are looking for volunteers willing to help put on this historic event. This includes experienced competition pilots interested in coaching or lecturing, and instructing cross country either with a single place sailplane, or with a two seater. We also need sailplanes that can be flown by the participants. Volunteers to help with the Camp administration and management are also needed. Finally, as Junior pilots are always chronically short of funds, donations of cash or other items of value such as a room near Moriarty are always welcome.

Tax deductible donations to support this event should be sent to the SSA and clearly marked "US Junior Team Development Camp".

If you are interested in attending or would like to keep informed on our progress, please contact Garret Willat at garret@stemmewest.com or 760.782.0404

Garret Willat
US Junior Soaring Team Member

I was one of the few US junior pilots who had the opportunity to fly with George Lee at his training camp, and know first hand of the benefits of dual flying both hands on and observing. An experience like this is unforgettable.