

London Soaring Society

Going to London Soaring

Objective

As a new member, you should prepare yourself for each day at the field so that you can maximize your enjoyment.

Things to take

- Any documents you need, for example, (student) license, logbook, Glider Pilot Training Record booklet.
- An appropriate hat. You will see that most members wear a type of “bucket” hat. This type of hat protects your head and shades your eyes. A baseball cap is not recommended because
 1. it has a long bill which restricts your view upward when flying
 2. it usually has a cute button on top that will hurt like hell when you hit the glider canopy on a rough day
- Liquids (water, pop, Gatorade ...) to keep you hydrated. Dehydration has been the cause of accidents. Some liquids are for sale in the club house refrigerator.
- Food (sandwiches, fruit, snacks ...) especially if you are staying over noon. Low blood sugar is not good when flying.
- Appropriate clothing. It’s surprising how much colder it can be on an open field with a brisk wind. Extra clothing can be left in your vehicle but can’t be worn if left at home.
- Sun screen. The higher the SPF number, the better.
- A folding chair. Optional but advisable.
- Cash. We cannot accept credit or debit cards.

Things to leave at home

- Pets. A pet requires a lot of your attention and, if it gets free, can be very dangerous on an airfield.
- Young children. Unless you are bringing a responsible adult to supervise them. Again, there are dangers on an airfield.

When you arrive

- Park your vehicle in the gravel area between the hangar and the clubhouse building. Avoid parking on grass.
- Feel free to use the club house facilities, including the bathroom.
- Walk or hitch a ride on a cart to the flight line. Always walk on the hangar side of the field.
- Don’t forget to put your name on the magnetic board under the glider you want to fly!