



Junior Soaring Program (JSP)

1. The JSP: a) establishes a predictable schedule for training young pilots, b) offers instruction from a prepared instructor cadre, and c) provides a training style and expectations similar to high school.
2. The JSP encourages increased participation by candidates as they mature, while allowing for the junior pilot's other interests and family activities.
3. The JSP strives to keep young pilots involved through their 24th birthday by instilling a culture of safety and increasing junior pilots' aviation skills with the support of a community of peers and guidance from instructors.
4. The JSP supports young pilots' efforts to earn the Soaring Society of America's and the Federation Aeronautique Internationale badges that enhance flight skills and safety.
5. The JSP supports advanced ratings and certificates in gliders up to and including the Certificated Flight Instructor-Glider rating. The flight candidate may have the opportunity to serve as a mentor to new flight candidates and serve as a flight instructor.
6. The JSP candidate is obligated to assist the Minnesota Soaring Club (MSC) at the airport for 10 hours each month and 30 hours for the three months of June through August. The candidates are also expected to come prepared for and participate in ground schooling held by the JSP instructors.
7. The MSC will provide a handbook that defines the program, recommended reading assignments to solo and flight certificates, and equipment needs.
8. The MSC will provide a dedicated glider and instructor. Instruction for JSP candidates will occur on two weekends each month, and additionally up to three weekday soaring camps.
9. A training day starts at 8:30 a.m. with instructors and candidates reviewing logbooks and flight lessons. The in-flight training will end by one p.m. when there will be an hour of ground school.
10. If you are interested in the Minnesota Soaring Club's JSP:
 - A) write a one-page letter to the Junior Soaring Program, Minnesota Soaring Club about why you want to learn to fly gliders (send your letter as a *.pdf to MSC_JSP@gmail.com along with your name, phone number, and email address),
 - B) apply to the Minnesota Soaring Club for membership, <https://mnsoaringclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/MSC_Brochure_2022.pdf>
 - C) consider applying for scholarships to help pay for your flight instruction, and
 - D) read about flying gliders and be prepared to explain your enthusiasm to fly in the JSP before a panel of flight instructors.
11. Capacity for students in the JSP is regulated because of the limited number of flight instructors and training gliders. In that case, if you are eligible, you may be placed on a waiting list until the MSC and the JSP have room for a new flight candidate.
12. Questions? Send a note to MSC_JSP@gmail.com.