

“What Soaring Means to Me...”

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“For once you have tasted flight you will walk the earth with your eyes turned skywards, for there you have been and there you will long to return.” A wise man once said that, his name was Leonardo Da Vinci. I would have to agree with him. Flight has been a big part of my life even if I didn’t realize it when I was young. Since my dad works for an airline I’m sure that has affected my life. Also when I was three I went on my first glider ride I still haven’t forgotten it. Looking down out the canopy above the trees and looking down at my family on the ground. Now I can fly the glider myself and return to the sky. I can also spend time with my dad and hopefully we can fly together when we both get are license. Soaring above the trees in a glider also lets me release all the stress of school and other things. Gliding means a lot more to me than just flying through the air but even that is a fascinating concept.

I’ve always been fascinated with airplanes and I loved riding in them. When I was little and I would try to take my nap I remember hearing airplanes outside my window on a summer’s day and dreaming I was in it flying by the clouds. Now I can learn how to fly a glider and instead of taking a nap I can go out to Sky Soaring and spend my time there.

My dad is learning how to fly gliders right now he has been wanting to for a long time. I think it would be terrific if I could do it with him. Eventually, I hope my dad and I will both get our license and fly together even long distant flights. Because my dad and I are trying to get are gliding license at the same time I hope are relationship will grow stronger as well.

Flying also lets me forget about stress that I have in school and of the other stressful things in me life. When I'm flying I need to concentrate on what I'm doing because with a glider there is no room for making mistakes so therefore I need to remove the stress in my mind so I can concentrate on flying. Just going out to Sky Soaring and looking at the gliders soaring over head is rather relaxing.

I have always wanted to fly through the sky. Right now my ultimate goal with flying is to be able to do a few aerobatic tricks when I get enough experience. Gliding is very important for me and my future. I hope it will be a sport that I will do when I am much older than I am now when I am retired. I have always wanted to fly and at this point in my life it is the perfect time to start learning. Flying means a lot to me and I wish right now to "return to the sky" as soon as it gets warm enough.

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