

APF Women in Adventure Sport... ABSOLUTELY.

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So I've been in skydiving a while... not saying I'm old or anything, just saying that I've been through a bunch of years in this badass sport of ours and it seems to me that more and more women are joining and staying. Awesome, right? Totally! As such, it begs the question... how come? When skydiving used to be gratuitously male-dominated, why now, recently, has the number and longevity of women in skydiving begun to rise?

The truth is, I'm not even basing this assessment on any statistical evidence. There might be fewer women in the sport based on the actual, literal numbers, but the energy amongst the ladies lately is notably building. Not that it's not awesome to hang with, fly with, fun with all the awesome guys in our sport too, of course it is! There's just something special about when we women come together.

So let's take this opportunity that's upon us, and simply get more good juju from our skydiving experience by enjoying a little more girl time on the ground and in the sky. Why not, right? Right. A little creativity and willingness to explore and participate is all it takes. Plan a special day of jumps with your girls. Go to the next APF Women in Adventure Sport event on the calendar. Sign up to be a mentor for the younger sky sisters coming up after you. Sign up to be mentored yourself. Plan a funny jump where you all wear tutu's just cause it's hilarious, get some pics, and help support the growth of the group. So many options for increased awesomeness by simply deciding to do something new and cool for yourself with your ladies. Whatever it is, go for it. Enjoy it. Embrace it. And watch your experience in the sport take on new facets of fun.

And that's the thing, huh? Fun. Doesn't really matter what we're doing, or whom we're doing it with, as long as we're keeping it safe, and having a blast with our people, that's what really counts. What's awesome is that we all have the power to create something new from nothing for the sake of that fun, flying, and togetherness. And that's what the APF is doing now with the Women in Adventure Sport group... facilitating a new path to fun for the ladies out there who like-a da freefall. Hahaha f*ck yeah.. I like-a da freefall too. Hahaha awesome.

Enjoy, my sky sisters, hopefully I'll be able to come down and play with you all again soon! In the meantime, anything I can do to help from here, please don't hesitate to drop me a line anytime.

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**Note to all the awesome sky dudes: Don't worry, growing groups of happy, inspired sky chicks is always a great thing for you too. ;)