

Kaleidoscope Dives 2011

It's that time of year again – to fly through the sky with up to 200 of our most talented friends, and raise the bar on some hot big-way sequential dives. The 2011 Kaleidoscope Dives will take place 17-20 November.

History: The Kaleidoscope Dives started in 2001 as a show-element of SkyQuest. From its inception, this fun event has attracted a stellar talent-pool of international skydivers – resulting in numerous completions of multiple-point 100-ways. On each dive, the geometric shapes of the formations are transformed – similar to the shifting images one sees when looking through a kaleidoscope.

Organizers: All of the 2011 Kaleidoscope Dive Organizers are current World Team Leaders: Lesley Gale, Mike Johnston, Dieter Kirsch, Victor Kravtsov, Herman Landsman, Rob Laidlaw, Patrick Passe, Roger Ponce, Lou Tommaso, Alia Veselova, Tom Claeys, and BJ Worth.

Format: There is a great interest by many world class skydivers for this year's Kaleidoscope Dives. We are inviting 200 skydivers and will jump as two teams – combining our collective talent pool as equally as possible. Both teams will perform the same dive sequences. The exact size of these teams will be based on maintaining a very high quality of dives. Skydive DeLand will give our two Kaleidoscope teams top priority.

Dives: 16 jumps are scheduled for the 2011 Kaleidoscope Dives, including four diverse dive sequences. Each sequence will consist of two or three formations with challenging transitions. One sequence will include 12 rooms with 16 divers changing rooms on each sequence. One sequence will feature a picture dive, or rather a *moving picture* dive. We will use one of the base formations for World Team's record dives as the first formation for one of the sequences. The 2011 Kaleidoscope Dives – designed by BJ and drawn via AutoCAD by Rags Raghanti – will soon be available online.

Event Site: *Skydive DeLand* – DeLand, Florida

Participation: By invitation only. An international team of highly skilled skydivers are being invited to participate by the Dive Organizers. Although the Organizers wish they could introduce big-way sequential to many new big-way enthusiasts, the 2011 Kaleidoscope roster will be restricted to proven experts.

Schedule: Optional pre-event dives will take place at [Skydive DeLand](#) on Wednesday (16 November).

Thursday (17 Nov.):	7:00 am - 8:30 am	On-site registration, gear check, greeting friends
	8:30 am - 9:00 am	Welcome and Safety Briefing
	9:00 am - Sunset	Dive Preparation and three jumps
Friday (18 Nov.):	7:00 am - Sunset	Five jumps
Saturday (19 Nov.):	7:00 am - Sunset	Five jumps
Sunday (20 Nov.):	7:00 am - 4:30 pm	Three jumps (last exit scheduled: 4:00 pm)

Aircraft: Skydive DeLand's aircraft will consist of one Skyvan, and four Twin Otters, and will be flown by DeLand's team of professional pilots with extensive formation-flying skills.

Oxygen: Exit altitude for most jumps will be 18,000 feet. When a little extra altitude would help complete the sequence, the exit altitude will be raised to 20,000 feet – on up to four jumps. Detachable nasal cannulas will be provided for all team members.

Jumpsuits: Everyone should bring the jumpsuit(s), weights, T-shirts, gloves required to fly a variety of slots. "Dress for Success" is not just an expression... it is an absolute must for the Kaleidoscope Dives.

Video / Stills: A world-class Camera Team will record the dives with video and stills. The Camera Team will be led by Andrey Veselov, and will include Henny Wiggers, Willy Boeykens, George Katsoulis, and Luciano Bacquè. Video reviews will be conducted with digital media players using HDTVs. High-quality photos of the dives will be available from each camera-flyer. Streaming video of all dives will be posted daily by Big-way Photography.

Hotels: A special *SkyQuest / Kaleidoscope* rate has been arranged with the Clarion Hotel in DeLand. Specific information on accommodations is available on this [SkyQuest Hotels](#) web page. Clarion Hotel: Phone: 1-386-738-5200, Fax: 1-386-734-7552.

Costs: **Participant Package \$770**

- * Event registration fee
- * 16 jumps
- * Oxygen equipment and services
- * Video services
- * Kaleidoscope Dives T-Shirt

* Any additional jumps from 18,000 ft. will cost \$35.00. If any of the 16 scheduled Kaleidoscope Dives are not made due to weather or aircraft, refunds will be \$35 per jump. If we have the weather and the time, and the agreement among the participants, we hope to be able to make more than the scheduled 16 dives.

On this web page, the full [SkyQuest Refund and Cancellation Policy](#) is available:

Registration: All participants are requested to submit their **Online Registration Form** as soon as the Kaleidoscope Registration link is active. It will be announced very soon. Early “On-Site” Registration will take place at Skydive DeLand on Wednesday afternoon.

If, after committing to this event, a situation comes up that may/will prevent you from attending, please contact BJ as soon as possible, so a replacement can be made (if necessary), and so a full contingent of Kaleidoscope Skydivers can be standing tall on site at the beginning of the event.

Payment: Payment may be made via a check or money order made out to: “**National Skydiving League,**” or on-line via a major credit card. Please see this [SkyQuest](#) website for payment information.

Send Payment (if not done via website) to:

National Skydiving League
1665 Lexington Avenue Suite 104
DeLand, FL 32724 USA
Tel: 386-873-4633
NSL@skyleague.com

Online Registration Form:

Contact: B. J. Worth, Dive Organizer
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More Info: The *SkyQuest* website will be updated for 2011 as new information becomes available. One or more additional Kaleidoscope Bulletins will be distributed before the event.

We look forward to seeing you in DeLand at the *Kaleidoscope Dives 2011!*

Lesley, Mike, Dieter, Victor, Herman, Rob, Patrick, Roger, Lou, Alia, Tom, and BJ