



Earn the Scuba Diving Merit Badge this summer!

(open to youth and adults)



August 12-13 & 19-20 2017

You will get your PADI Open Water Diver Certification at the end of this two weekend course. PADI is the Professional Association of Diving Instructors, the largest and most widely recognized scuba certifying organization in the world.

The Open Water Training course includes:

- orientation session
- classroom instruction sessions
- pool training sessions
- 4 open water dives
- quarry admissions
- use of all equipment
- air fills
- dive logbook
- text book
- electronic recreational dive planner
- Scuba BSA award
- Scuba Diving Merit Badge
- PADI Open Water Certification Card

All this will open the door to a whole new underwater world of fun and adventure for only \$550

How old do I have to be?

This course is for Scouts and Adults least 11 years old. Participants younger than 15 years old will receive PADI Junior Open Water Diver Certification. 15 years and older receive PADI Open Water Diver Certification.



Do I need a physical exam?

Certain medical conditions may preclude safe diving. You will be given a confidential PADI medical form to complete regarding your medical history. If you have any of the medical conditions which may make diving inadvisable, written permission from your doctor will be required before you begin scuba training. The medical questionnaire will be emailed to you.

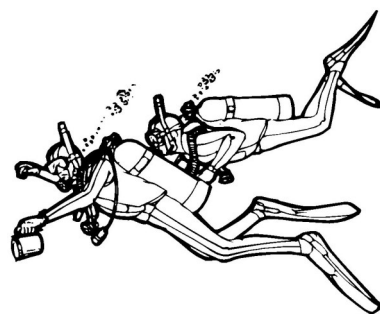
How is the class structured and when is it?

The class begins with a two-hour orientation session several weeks before the start of the first classroom session on July 30 (1-3 pm at AB Sea's Diving). At that session you will be given your textbook, a PADI electronic recreational dive planner, and an instructional DVD to view at home prior to the classroom. You will also complete all the PADI administrative paperwork needed before starting your training (so be sure to have a parent/guardian at the orientation for signatures on required paperwork). You will then have several weeks before the first session to do your independent study by reviewing the textbook and answering the questions at the end of

each of the five modules. The classroom sessions will start at 9am at AB Sea's on Aug 12 & 13. The pool sessions in Manassas will follow the classroom session. Participants will need to be transported from the classroom location in Fairfax Station VA to the pool in Manassas. Each afternoon will conclude about 5pm in Manassas. The required open water training dives will take place at a quarry in Fredericksburg Virginia on Saturday and Sunday Aug 19 & 20. We meet at the quarry at 10am and are done by 1pm. Since certification is performance based, participants must attend all classroom/pool sessions and the final open water dives. Makeup sessions outside this schedule will require additional fees. A separate Scuba Diving Merit Badge counseling session will be held on Aug 20 from 4-6 pm at A.B. Sea's Diving in Fairfax Station VA where you will turn in the rental dive gear used for the class. Cost of the counseling session is included in the course fee. If you are already scuba certified but not in the class, the Scuba Diving Merit Badge session fee is \$5. Preregistration is required.

What skills will I learn?

You will learn how to plan a dive; manage your equipment; enter and exit the water; control your breathing and buoyancy; recover and clear your regulator and mask; breathe from alternate air sources; perform various emergency and safety procedures; use a diving instrument console; and navigate underwater using basic compass skills. You will also have to complete a 200-yard swim using any stroke you are comfortable with and then float/tread water for 10 minutes.



How big is the class?

The class is limited to 16 students. There will be at least 2 instructors and 2 assistants to guarantee that you will get the individual attention that you need.



What about all that equipment?

It is recommended, but not required, that you have your own mask, snorkel and fins. However, you do not have to buy any scuba equipment nor will you be pressured to. During the first pool session you will be fitted with a complete set of equipment to use throughout your training. Just bring your bathing suit, a towel and your enthusiasm. All equipment is furnished by A.B. Sea's Diving.

What does it cost and how do I register?

The complete course cost is \$550. A \$50 deposit is required to reserve your place in a class, with the balance due the first day of class. A \$25 fee will be charged if you drop out of the class after having attended the orientation. Cash or checks are accepted. The last day to register is 24 July 2017. Send payment to A.B. Sea's Diving; 10416 Hampton Rd; Fairfax Station VA 22039.

Cost for the Scuba Diving Merit Badge counseling session on August 20 is included in the course fee. The cost is \$5 if you are not in the Scuba course.

Where can I get more information?

Contact the course director, Mike Meenehan at mmmeenehan@cox.net (703-400-2176) or A.B. Sea's Diving (abseas2@aol.com 703-819-6820)