


Scuba-scouts.org Presents



The Way Scouts Learn to Dive

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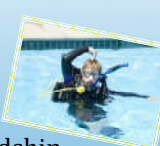

Who is **Scuba-scouts.org**?

- **Scuba-scouts.org** is a group of dive professionals associated with PADI
 - PADI is the world’s leading scuba diving training organization
- PADI is an official Boy Scouts of America business partner and co-creator of the SCUBA BSA award and merit badge booklet
- Check out www.scuba-scouts.org






Why Scuba Diving?

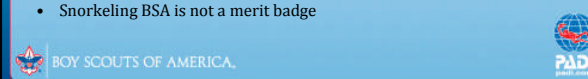
- For years SCUBA was one of the **MOST** requested activities for a new merit badge
- Scuba is a life changing experience!
- Encourages quest for adventure
- Embraces challenges
- Encourages teamwork and friendship
- Tremendous recruitment and retention tool

Snorkeling







- Snorkeling is for ALL ages. Jump right in.
- Learn at your local dive center. See *Guide to Safe Scouting* for restrictions.
- **The Snorkeling BSA requirements** introduce Scout-age children and adult leaders to the special skills, equipment, and safety precautions associated with snorkeling;
- Encourages the development of aquatics skills that promote fitness and recreation; and provides a foundation for those who later will participate in more advanced underwater activity.
- Snorkeling BSA is not a merit badge




Discover Scuba


- Boy Scouts and older
- You learn the basics you need to dive under the direct supervision of a PADI Professional.
- One thing you’ll learn is that you really can breathe underwater and whether you like doing that or not. You will:
- Learn what wearing scuba equipment feels like and how easy it is to move around underwater while wearing it
- Find out what it’s like to breathe **underwater and** learn whether you can be comfortable there

Scuba BSA



- Scuba BSA introduces qualified Boy Scout, Venturing, and registered adult participants to the special skills, equipment, and safety precautions associated with scuba diving
 - Encourages aquatics activities that promote fitness and recreation; and provides a foundation for those who later will participate in more advanced underwater activity.
 - The Scuba BSA experience contains two parts— Knowledge Development and Water Skills Development.
 - During the first part, participants learn basic dive safety information and overview skills to be used during their water experience.
 - The Water Skills Development session introduces essential dive skills, such as mask clearing, regulator clearing, and alternate air source use



Scuba Diving Merit Badge

- BSA Requirements
 - First aid for scuba injuries or illnesses
 - CPR
 - Swimming merit badge
 - Scuba Diver's Code
 - Identify Ecosystem
 - Discuss scuba industry career opportunities
- Earn Open Water Diver certification
- Scouts with scuba certification can still earn merit badge
- Age – Scouting age (11 years +)



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Ranger Award Elective

- **Requirements**
- Become certified as an Open Water Diver
- Make a presentation on what it takes to become certified and some other subject related to scuba diving.
- Assist with a Discover Scuba program.



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Order of the Arrow Scuba Service Corps



- First of Its Kind in the Country (Only?)
- Open to OA Members
- Focus on Service Projects Involving Scuba
- Meets 1st Wednesday; See OA Calendar
- Tim Wagner is the Contact:
http://oa.sdicsa.org/email_sender.php?ID=56



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Open Water Certification Requirements

- Knowledge Development
- Confined Water Dives
- Open Water Dives



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Learn to Scuba Dive Options Available

- eLearning
 - Development portion is completed online at the pace of the student diver.
- Home Study Program
 - This option is also completed in the comfort of the student divers home and at their pace using a multimedia DVD version or hard copies of the training material.
- Classroom program
 - This is a more traditional approach of conducting the development training in the dive centers classroom using hard copies of the training materials.



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BSA Programs Available

- Scuba Diving Merit Badge / Scuba Elective for Venturing Crews
- Scuba BSA / Discover Scuba
- BSA Snorkeling
- First Aid, CPR & AED training with Emergency First Response®



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BSA Programs

- Support / sponsorship of Troops and Venture Crews
- Environmental and Conservation Programs
 - National Geographic, Project AWARE Foundation, Beach cleanups and Community action
 - Leave No Trace



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High Adventure

- Year Long Certification and Diving
 - Local shore and boat dives
- Venture Crew Big Idea!
 - Basic and Advanced Training – Rescue, Specialties, and more
 - Local High Adventure in San Diego (who'da thought?)
 - Take a Trip! PADI Travel Network
 - See www.scuba-scouts.org for resources
- Florida Seabase
 - Bahamas Tall Ship
 - Bahamas Adventure
 - Out Island Adventure
 - Sea Exploring
 - Florida Fishing



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Community Resources

- Dive Clubs
- Scuba Merit Badge Counselors
- Dive Boats
- Aquariums
- Sea World
- Just ask!



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We hope Scuba Diving becomes the next piece of your Scouting adventure!



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