

Camp Emerald Bay - Scuba Programs

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- 1) What scuba programs do you offer?
 - Open Water Scuba**—A one week scuba certification program for those at least 14 years old.
 - Scuba BSA**—A half day experience program for anyone at least 12 years old. No prior diving experience required.
 - Discover Local Diving**—Guided dives for certified divers at least 14 years old.
- 2) When do sign ups begin?
 - Sign ups for all 2005 scuba programs begin on Monday March 28th at 10am.
- 3) How do I sign up?
 - A pre-registration form is available as a download on this site. Completion of this form will speed up the registration process. This form **DOES NOT GUARANTEE A SPOT IN ANY PROGRAM**. Complete the form and email it (malibudivers@verizon.net) or fax it (310 456-3071) to Malibu Divers. Individual scouts and their parents must still call Malibu Divers (310 456-2396) to confirm space availability and arrange for payment. We are open Monday – Friday 10am – 6pm, Saturday 8am – 6pm and Sunday 10am – 5pm.
- 4) Can a troop leader reserve several spaces in a program?
 - No. It is important that we talk directly to scouts and their parents.
- 5) When should I sign up?
 - It is important that scouts sign up as early as possible. Every year, the **Open Water Scuba Program** fills during certain weeks of camp and scouts are turned away.
- 6) How much is the scuba certification program (**Open Water Scuba**)?
 - The cost of the **Open Water Scuba Program** is \$400 (due upon sign-up). For Scouts (less than 18 years old) WLACC will provide a subsidy of \$175 as either a credit to camp fees due, or a refund issued to the unit. The net cost for the program (for Scouts) is \$225.
- 7) What is included in the scuba certification program?
 - Malibu Divers includes home study materials (either book & dvd or multi-media cd rom, log book, all necessary paperwork, snorkel gear (mask, snorkel, fins, booties, gloves and mesh carry bag) for participants to keep (a value of \$300). Malibu Divers and the Boy Scouts will also provide the use of all additional scuba gear necessary for

completion of the class. Participants who successfully complete the program receive a lifetime, non-expiring scuba certification from PADI (the largest and most widely recognized scuba training agency in the world).

- 8) What do I need to bring with me to camp for the **Open Water Scuba program**?
--Participants must bring their student package, completed registration paperwork, signed medical release from a doctor (if applicable), completed homework, two passport sized photos, a bathing suit, a towel, and a smile.
- 9) What happens if I do not complete the 8 – 10 hours of home study before I arrive at camp?
--You will not be allowed to participate in the program.
- 10) Is a doctors exam and medical exam form required for participation in scuba programs?
--That depends. Participants answer the 34 question **Divers Medical Questionnaire** (available as a download on this site) as a part of the registration process. If all questions are answered “no”, then no doctor visit or release paperwork is required. If any question is answered “yes” it means that person has a pre-existing condition that could affect their ability to dive safely. An exam by a doctor is then necessary and the **PADI Medical Release Form** (available as a download on this site) must be signed off by a doctor.
- 11) Are there any medical conditions that can prevent me from participating in scuba diving?
--Asthma or diabetes often times prevent a person from scuba diving although it depends upon the type and severity. An exam by a doctor is necessary to determine if it is safe to dive.
- 12) How do Adult Leaders sign up for the **Open Water Scuba program**?
--Priority in all programs is given to scouts. Adult leaders wishing to sign up will be wait listed. When sign ups close (30 days from the start of your week at camp) any available slots will be assigned to adult leaders on a “first come, first served basis, with priority given to parents with scouts in the same program.
- 13) Will I have time for other activities (merit badges, etc) while at camp?
--The **Open Water Scuba program** is a full time program and there is not time during the day for other activities. **Scuba BSA** (the half day experience program) and **Discover Local Diving** (for certified divers) do permit scouts to participate in other camp activities.
- 14) What do I need to bring to camp for **Scuba BSA**?
--Completed registration paperwork, a bathing suit, a towel, shoes that can get wet and a smile.
- 15) How do I schedule my diving if I am doing **Scuba BSA** or **Discover Local Diving**?
--During the Sunday afternoon orientation when you arrive at camp, the Malibu Divers instructors are available to meet with you and schedule your diving so that it does not conflict with your other activities.
- 16) Can I schedule additional dives for **Scuba BSA** or **Discover Local Diving** while I am at camp?
--It depends upon how full each program is, but generally, yes you can.
- 17) I am a certified diver, but I am only 12 or 13 years old. Can I participate in **Discover Local Diving**?
--Unfortunately, no. National scout policy requires that certified divers be at least 14 years old to participate in **Discover Local Diving**. You can participate in **Scuba BSA** which will allow you to go diving.