

Let's Go Diving!!

DIVE UTAH

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Welcome to **DIVE UTAH'S** Open Water Scuba Class! This orientation is very important in making sure you are aware of all the details of the class ahead of time. Please be sure to read all the sections of this immediately and call the shop if you have any questions.

1. ADMINSTRATIVE

The following items must be filled out by each person on the first night of class (weekend classes- please stop by before your class to fill these out):

- Safe Diving Statement of Understanding and Liability Release
- Medical Statement - a YES response doesn't necessarily preclude you from diving, it only means you need to get a doctor's OK before any in-water activities -- We have a medical form for you. It is also located on our website.
- Students need to initial the Staff Name List
- Anyone under the age of 12 must sign the Youth Diving form. Anyone under the age of 18 must also have a parent or guardian sign all of the forms.

We recommend you fill out the Medical Statement ASAP in case you need a doctor's OK.

Some times a friend or family member would like to "tag along" with you in the class. There is a \$10 per night charge to use the gear and pool and we ask that they not interfere with the class. You can dive together at the instructor's discretion. For \$75, they can join you in the class and pool sessions and get a refresher class. If they would like to dive with you at Open Water, they must check with the instructor first, pay the Crater entry fee and rent equipment.

2. COURSE FEES

- The fees that you paid for this course covers scuba equipment rental for the entire class, trial of snorkeling equipment for the pool, dive boots, administration costs, student materials and certification card upon completion.
 - Not included are the costs of buying personal equipment (mask, snorkel, fins) prior to Open Water, or any costs associated with Open Water Training such as gas, food, lodging, etc. Some Open Water sites have entry fees that are not included. (The Crater and Seabase)
- Online classes have an extra fee to PADI that covers their class materials.
- ALL fees must be completely paid prior to attending the Open Water Training.

3. CLASS SCHEDULE

- Monday-Wednesday and Tuesday-Thursday classes meet twice a week for 2 weeks. These classes are 6:00-9:30pm unless otherwise noted. Open Water dates are arranged per class.
- Weekend classes meet Saturday from 3pm-9pm and Sunday from 9am-3pm.
- Online students will only have to attend the pool portions. The time is TBD.
- Students in other classes will make other arrangements with the shop. If you are not certain of your schedule, please call the shop.

Dive Utah reserves the right to charge a make-up fee for no-shows and last minute cancellations of up to \$20 for class/pool sessions and up to \$40 for Open Water dives.

4. COURSE STRUCTURE

A. Academics

- It is important to learn the theory of diving. To accomplish this, each student will need to read and watch the latest version of the PADI Open Water Diver manual (book) and DVD.
- Each student must have their own logbook and either the PADI RDP (dive tables), or PADI ERDP(dive calculator) or a dive computer.
- Included in the price is the PADI Open Water student kit which includes manual, log book and ERDP. Your instructor will loan you a copy of the DVD.
- **HOMEWORK**-Twice a Week classes-The reading assignments are Class 1-Chapter 1, Class 2-Chapters 2-3, Class 3-Chapter 4 and Class 4-Chapter 5. Weekend classes need Chapters 1-3 for Saturday and 4-5 on Sunday. The Knowledge Reviews at the end of each chapter are to be turned in at each class.
- As part of the learning process, we will have 4 quizzes of 10 questions each. A 50-question final exam completes the academic section of this course.
- **ONLINE CLASSES** have an extra fee to PADI that covers their book. Online classes must have all academics completed **BEFORE** their open water. You will still need a log book and either the PADI RDP (dive tables), or PADI ERDP (dive calculator) or a dive computer

You must have your book before your first class so you get the first night homework completed.

B. Confined Water training

- Confined Water training takes place in our warm, onsite pool each night of your training including the first. **Bring a swimsuit and a towel to each class.**
- As part of the Confined Water training, we will conduct a watermanship assessment exercise. It will consist of an untimed 200-yard swim using any style stroke or if you prefer, you may use mask, snorkel and fins for 300-yards. You will also complete a 10-minute tread in water too deep to stand.
- If you answered YES on any question on the Medical Statement, you'll need to obtain your doctors written approval **BEFORE** any pool training.

C. Open Water Training

- After you have received the information from the academic sessions and the confined-water training, we then go to an Open Water dive location. At the Open Water, we will perform many of the skills learned in confined water, and gain experience under the watchful eye of your PADI Instructor.
- Open Water training consists of 4 dives made over a 2-day period.
- You will need to bring your **LOGBOOK** to record dives.
- You will need to pick up equipment from Dive Utah for your open water dives. It will not be brought up or returned for you.
- The Crater and Seabase are two sites we sometimes use which have entry fees that are not included in the class price.

5. PERSONAL GEAR

- We will provide you with all of the **scuba** equipment that you will need for this course. You are required to have your own **personal equipment** - mask, snorkel and fins by the Open Water portion.
- As a student of **DIVE UTAH**, we are pleased to offer you a discount of 10% on any equipment purchases made while you are a student in class with the exception of some packages. You can also try equipment in the pool before you buy it. See our professional staff for assistance in selecting the right equipment for you.

6. CERTIFICATION

Student Initials _____

Instructor Initials _____

- Upon successful completion of all parts of this course, you will be issued a PADI Open Water Diver certification. This prestigious credential allows you to buy and rent SCUBA equipment, get air fills, dive at resorts and on boats worldwide without an Instructor present.

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