

## **AFA SCUBA Diving Program Course Overview and General Agreement**

Students will have the opportunity to earn four certifications: Open Water Diver, First Aid/CPR, Advanced Diver, and Rescue Diver. The courses will be taught during the academic day as a year long elective.

Throughout the year students will learn to be safer, more knowledgeable, and have better technique as compared to other dive programs due to the additional time spent on the courses. Students will learn well beyond the basic diving physics, physiology, and decompression theory that are typically obtained.

The class will begin with the most basic scuba course, Open Water Diver. Once the basic skills are mastered we will move into the Advanced course for a introduction to underwater ecology, navigation, search and recovery, advanced propulsion, low visibility, and deep diving. Rescue diver will be our final diving course which will train students to conduct water rescues.

### **Cost \$1,000 will include the following:**

- Teaching materials
- Certification cards
- Use of B.C., tanks, gas fills, regulators, and weights
- Three 2-day certification dive trips
  - Transportation
  - Breakfast and lunch
  - Lodging (camping)
  - Entrance fees

### **Additional costs to student:**

- Personal dive equipment (high quality found at dive shops) ~\$400
  - mask
  - snorkel
  - fins
  - booties
  - full wetsuit
  - hood
  - mesh dive bag
  - cutting device
  - \*\*\*\*It is highly suggested to wait to purchase this equipment until the first week of class or until speaking with Lt. Davenport before hand. Pros and cons of different types of dive equipment will be discussed during this time. A dive shop will provide these items at discounted prices.
- Waterproof watch (Timex from Walmart is acceptable)
- Personal diving insurance (Divers Alert Network or Dive Assure) ~\$65
- Dinners during certification trips
- Sleeping bag

## Required paperwork

- 1 AFA SCUBA Diving Program Course Overview and General Agreement
- 3 Liability Release for Minors Residing in Florida forms filled out (for three diving courses Open Water, Advanced, and Rescue Diver)
  - Instructor is Scott Davenport
  - Dive center is Admiral Farragut Academy
- 1 Medical Statement with physician's signature if required
- *Additional forms can also be found at <http://www.scubanase.com/forms/index.html>*
- Personal diving insurance (Divers Alert Network <http://www.diversalertnetwork.org/> or Dive Assure <http://www.diveassure.com/new/usa/index.html> ) ~\$65
- All paperwork and insurance must be completed and given to Lt. Davenport by the end of the first week of class. Lack of these items may result in removal from class.

## Student responsibilities and prerequisites

- Attend mandatory meeting held towards the end of school year before course is taken
- Be prepared for class. This includes dressing out in a timely manner during in water days.
- Attend all classes. Missed classes may result in lack of completion of certification.
- Behave in a mature manner during all aspects of the class including certification trips. Poor behavior may result in lack of certification completion and/or removal from class without refund.
- Be able to float/tread water for 10 min. and swim 400 yards (any stroke) without stopping.

## Course makeups and certifications

- If class is missed due to an excused absence, efforts will be made to catch the student up, but there are no guarantees. **Class will not be made up for unexcused absences.** This may result in lack of completion of one or more certifications.
- The time allotted for each course is enough time for the average student to successfully complete the four courses. If student requires additional time to accomplish certification, additional charges may apply.
- Certification is ultimately up to the instructor. Reasons for rejection of certification can include, but are not limited to, danger to self or others, lack of successful completion of required in water skills, and/or not passing knowledge development sections.

## About the instructor

Lt. Scott Davenport holds instructor ratings with the National Association of SCUBA Educators (NASE) and the Professional Association of Dive Instructors (PADI). Before coming to Farragut he taught the recreational SCUBA courses and the American Academy of Underwater Sciences scientific diving course at Texas A&M University. Before leaving the university, he was the interim Diving Safety Officer for the university. He continues to assist with the university's scientific diving program in the summer. After moving to Florida, he was a program director for a summer camp held in the British Virgin Islands that specialized in sailing, diving training, and marine biology aboard 50' sailing yachts.

Please contact Lt. Davenport if there are any questions: [sdavenport@farragut.org](mailto:sdavenport@farragut.org)

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_