



Scuba Diving Merit

1. Earn your basic scuba diving certificate from one of the following organizations. Place your certificate in your workbook.

a. Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI)

The PADI Open Water Diver course teaches the fundamentals of scuba diving, including dive equipment and techniques. With a PADI scuba diver certification card you can obtain air fills, scuba equipment, and other services for diving under supervision.

Age: You must be at least ten years old or older and complete the Diver Scuba Statement, which includes a medical questionnaire.

b. Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)

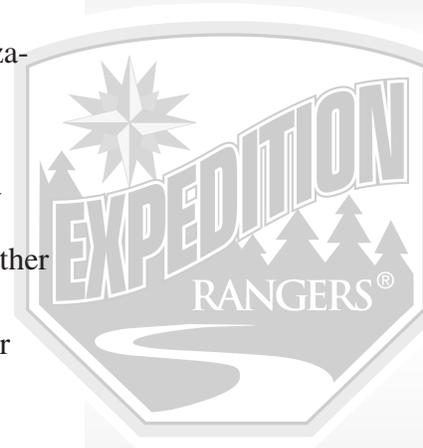
You can learn to scuba dive in a safe, affordable setting with a modest amount of training. The YMCA entry-level certification course for scuba diving takes approximately thirty-two hours to complete during day or evening classes. To earn your scuba certification, participate in classroom sessions and practice essential diving skills in a pool. Then demonstrate your knowledge on a written exam and your skills during training dives in a lake, quarry, spring, or ocean. Upon successful completion of the written exam and training dives, you receive a certification card that identifies you as a trained diver, allowing you to rent scuba equipment, participate in advanced training, and explore diving destinations.

Age: You must be at least fifteen years old or older for YMCA scuba certification. Applicants ages twelve to fourteen may earn the Junior Open Water Diver certification, which requires them to dive with an adult diver.

c. National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI)

Scuba Diver is the NAUI entry-level scuba certification course. This training provides the fundamental knowledge and skills to scuba dive. Upon successful completion, graduates are considered competent to engage in open-water diving activities without supervision, provided the diving activities and the areas dived approximate those of training.

Age: You must be at least fifteen years old or older for scuba diver certification. Junior certification for ages twelve to fourteen years is allowed, but requires them to dive with an adult diver.



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