

Aquatic Center of Ocala's



OPEN WATER DIVER PROGRAM

Learn to SCUBA Dive and enjoy a Lifetime Pastime. First off we would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to introduce you to the underwater world. Our programs can be planned to accommodate anyone's busy schedule. Your international certification will be accredited through SSI (Scuba School International). SSI is the largest "dealer based" agency in the world with over 1900 dealers in 82 countries. SSI requires that all SSI professional instructors conduct scuba programs through an SSI authorized dealer giving you the most thorough, consistent, up-to-date program available.



KNOWLEDGE

OPEN WATER DIVER Program (STEPS ONE & TWO):

General Group Classes: General tuition \$275.00. Purchase any mask, fins, snorkel, boots, mouthpiece, and SSI logbook package from the Aquatic Center of Ocala and receive a \$75.00 rebate off the price of the class. After the rebate your open water class is just \$200.00. Price includes student kit. Student kit includes textbook, DVD and dive tables also price includes free use of our on-site pool.

Semi Private Classes: Receive the same personal attention in the class and pool segment as you would with the full private class except take your open water dives with a group for only \$350.00 and receive a voucher for \$75.00 toward the purchase of your snorkeling system. Price includes student kit.

Private Classes: Enjoy the personal attention you will receive with a one on one with the instructor in all three steps in the training. Step one is classroom, Step two is pool training and step three is your open water dives. The class is tailored to fit your schedule. Only \$450.00 per person plus you receives a \$75.00 voucher toward the purchase of a snorkeling system. Price includes student kit.

ALL COURSE FEES INCLUDE:

- SSI Open Water Diver Certification Card (Internationally Recognized)
- 30-Hour Complete comprehensive Scuba Course
- All class are held in our modern "interactive classroom" with comfortable seating
- Pool sessions are taught in our on-site pool with no pool usage fees.
- Unlimited pool practice to ensure your safety and comfort
- If you miss a class you will be allowed to make up that session with the next class at no additional charge.
- Air Delivery System, Information System & Buoyancy Control System provided for the entire duration of the class at no charge to you!
- SSI Student Kit containing:
 - SSI Open Water Diver Manual with Study Guide
 - SSI Open Water Diver DVD
 - SSI No-decompression Tables
 - SSI Zipper Tote Bag & Sticker

The above items are minimal requirements to go through any Open Water Program by a professional full service dive store. It is important your Open Water Diver Program is all-inclusive without hidden fees. Your "Personal Snorkeling System" consisting of "SCUBA quality**" Mask, Fins, Snorkel, Boots, Mouthpiece & SSI DiveLog will not be included in the course fee. The cost for these items will range from \$150.00 to \$300.00 depending on the quality you select and your budget. **Please do not purchase any equipment until we have met with you.** Being fit by a SCUBA professional, along with the option of exchanging or upgrading items is important during your program. It is important to learn to dive with your own properly fitted equipment.

MISSED SESSIONS:

If you miss an assigned class or pool session, you will be required to make up that session prior to moving on. There is no fee to make up missed session if they are made up in a timely manner.



SKILLS

OPEN WATER SESSIONS (STEP #3):

After completion of your class and pool sessions (STEPS ONE & TWO), you will join your instructor for two days of fun-filled diving in the open water! During your Open Water Sessions your air delivery system, buoyancy control systems, and exposure system will be provided to you at no charge. **PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU TAKE YOUR OPEN WATER SESSIONS WITH AQUATIC CENTER OF OCALA, THERE WILL BE NO ADDITIONAL COST FOR THE INSTRUCTOR TO CERTIFY YOU.** Things such as food, travel, park entry fees and incidentals will be your responsibility during the Open Water Sessions.

** Should you end up doing your Open Water Session with a dive resort during vacation, Aquatic Center of Ocala will issue you a Universal Referral Letter at no charge.

** You must complete your Open Water Certification Sessions within 3 months after the completion of your program. After 3 months, you will be required to attend a SCUBA SKILLS UPDATE Program at a fee of \$79.99.

We at the Aquatic Center schedule training trips on a continual basis. We recommend that you complete your training within 60 days of your pool session. Students are required to cover the cost of his or her open water park entry fees. A variety of trips are offered monthly such as Manatee Springs, Blue Grotto, Devil's Den, and Paradise Springs. The entry fees will vary from \$37.00 per day at Devil's Den to \$40.00 per day at Blue Grotto.

MISSED SESSIONS:

If you miss an Open Water Session, you will be required to make up that session prior to moving on. If the missed sessions are made up in a timely manner, there will be no additional charges.



EQUIPMENT

Prior to the first class, you must purchase your own Personal Snorkeling System from The Aquatic Center which includes SCUBA quality:

- Mask
- Snorkel
- Fins
- Boots
- Mouthpiece
- SSI DiveLog

****I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM NOT TO PURCHASE ANY EQUIPMENT UNTIL MEETING WITH A STAFF MEMBER OF AQUATIC CENTER OF OCALA FOR AN EQUIPMENT ORIENTATION.**

****ALL SCUBA EQUIPMENT USED IN AQUATIC CENTER OF OCALA'S WATER SESSIONS MUST HAVE CURRENT VIP, Hydro, BCP & AIR SLEEVES PROPERLY AFFIXED & DISPLAYED. EQUIPMENT WITHOUT THESE SLEEVES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE WATER UNTIL THE AQUATIC CENTER TECHNICIAN CAN INSPECT IT AND ASSURE IT IS WORKING PROPERLY. SEE SERVICE RATES ON OUR WEBSITE.**



EXPERIENCE

It is highly recommended you continue your education and experience after becoming certified. The SSI Specialty Courses introduce you to a wider variety of diving activities. Advanced Diver, Navigation, Nitrox, and Stress and Rescue are just a few to choose from, information provided to you upon request.

The Aquatic Center of Ocala has an active dive club, which is an excellent way to meet new divers and make new friends but also a way to take advantage of the many trips that the club has to offer. We offer trips around the state and to Caribbean destination like Cozumel Mexico, Roatan, and Utila Honduras, Cayman Brac and Curacao. There is always an opportunity to go diving and "We Make Diving Fun".