

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SCUBA DIVING MERIT BADGE PROGRAM



PADI and the BSA have joined forces to develop the new *Scuba Diving Merit Badge!* Like other merit badges, the Scuba Diving merit badge will teach and train youth in a manner consistent with the overall goals and values of the Boy Scouts of America. Much like scouting, the overall philosophy of scuba encourages the quest for adventure. It is a life changing experience that enables young men and women to embrace challenges in a whole new way.

PADI is the world leader in dive training with over 40 years experience. The Gulf Coast Council has approved Discovery Dive World, an exclusive PADI 5-Star training facility, as a BSA Scuba Merit Badge center. Discovery Dive World's professional PADI staff will conduct scuba training courses at the 2013 Spanish Trail Scout camps, as well as offer training to local troops in Okaloosa County.

About the High Adventure Scuba Merit Badge

Achieving the Scuba Diving merit badge results in a PADI Open Water Diver Certification... a lifetime certification that is only the first step into an endless world of new experiences, adventure and fun.

Scout Prerequisites: Minimum age is 12 years and Swimming Merit Badge Complete.

Requirements:

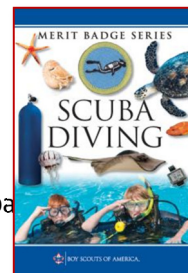
1. Demonstrate knowledge of first aid for injuries or illnesses that could occur while scuba diving.
2. Identify pre-conditions and demonstrate the proper technique for performing CPR.
3. Discuss and explain the importance of the Scuba Diver's Code with your merit badge counselor.
4. Earn an Open Water Diver Certification from a scuba organization recognized by the BSA.
5. Explain what an ecosystem is, and describe four aquatic ecosystems a diver might experience.
6. Learn about three career opportunities in the scuba industry.

Options to organize and equip your scouts to achieve the Scuba Diving Merit Badge

1. Register your scouts for **Scuba** at the 2013 Spanish Trail Scout Camp (23-29 Jun) or (30 Jun – 6 Jul).
2. Register scouts for Scuba Merit Badge training offered directly at Discovery Dive World

Steps to Get Your Troop Involved

1. Familiarize yourself with the Scuba Diving merit badge requirements
2. Contact Discovery Dive World (850 678-5001) to request a group presentation
3. Discovery Dive World will organize a training schedule for the course
4. Explore fundraising options to raise money for everyone in your troop to participate in the PADI Scuba diving course and Scuba merit badge program



About Discovery Dive World's Local Scuba Merit Badge Program (exclusive scout rate \$279. Ret \$399)

1. Dedicated scout parent meeting to outline the course logistics and scheduling
2. Flexible evening and weekend meetings for scout coursework tailored to your troop's needs
3. Our professional staff is dedicated to making ourselves accessible for parents and troop leaders
4. Safety through core competencies is our number one objective

About the Spanish Trail Scout Camp Scuba Merit Badge Program (exclusive camp rate \$199)

1. Pre-registration required. Adults involved w/the camp are welcome and encouraged to participate
2. You can pay to [reserve your spot online](http://www.prodivescuba.com/servlet/the-255/BSA-Scuba-Merit-Badge/Detail) for the 23-29 Jun or 30 Jun – 6 Jul Spanish Trail Scuba Merit Badge. (paste this link: <http://www.prodivescuba.com/servlet/the-255/BSA-Scuba-Merit-Badge/Detail>)
3. Excellent opportunity for scouts (12 yrs and older) to renew their interest in attending the camp

Contact Discovery Dive World to facilitate your troop's next Scuba merit badge adventure!
(850) 678-5001. Dive center located at 92 S John Sims Parkway, Valparaiso, FL 32580