

Open Water Student Learning Agreement

Over 70% of the planet is covered in water, and this class will be the beginning of your journey exploring it! To accept the call of this underwater adventure, you must be aware of the risks involved in the sport and be willing to study and practice in order to achieve success.

General

This course requires physical exertion. You should be a suitable swimmer and comfortable in the water before enrollment. You will need to be able to equalize pressure changes in your ears and sinuses. Your respiratory and circulatory systems must also be in good health. Upon enrollment, you will need to complete a medical history form, and you may need to be examined by your physician. You will need to read, discuss and sign a liability release document, and this learning agreement. If you are a minor, this form and your medical form must be signed by a parent. The minimum recommended age for scuba diving is 12 years old, due to the heavy equipment and the maturity level needed to make decisions under stress (for example a rescue scenario). Some young students may benefit from a private class setting, to remove distractions and allow for one-on-one instruction. In addition, all students over 70 years old will need to be enrolled in a private class for open water, refresher and specialty courses. All forms must be returned to your instructor to complete registration.

Class Structure

Ohio Valley Adventures teaches through the National Association of Underwater Instructors. NAUI is internationally recognized and highly respected. Bring your logbook, paper and pencil to take notes. You will be required to complete your logbook for certification. You will be required to successfully demonstrate all required skills in open water in order to be certified and also show sound judgment in the water. Please note that payment does not guarantee certification, and there is no refund for any course material or course tuition.

The course fees INCLUDE:

- Hands-on instruction for a minimum of 4 days of training
- Course registration
- Academic materials & e-learning code
- Certification card
- Scuba equipment rental

The class fees do NOT include:

- Personal equipment - mask, snorkel, booties and fins (typically around \$150-400)

To book your spot in class, a non-refundable class fee is required. All course work must be completed within 6 months.

- Site entrance fees ranging from \$30.00-65.00 per day. Min 2 days.
- Rental wetsuit, gloves, hood. If diving in a cold water environment.

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Private Classes

All classes at Ohio Valley Adventures are private with no more than two students at a time. The advantage of a private course is you have more one-on-one time with your instructor, and a more flexible schedule.

Academic Materials

Your required academic materials are included with the course. You'll receive a textbook, a logbook, some stickers/accessories, and an e-learning code. For NAUI training, you will need to create an account on their online learning platform. You may also upload a profile picture onto your account, which will be used on your c-card later.

The course you have enrolled in relies on self-study commitment. You must complete your academic training prior to any open water training.

Personal Equipment

Scuba diving is an equipment intensive sport. Some gear needs to be purchased for your class, such as your mask, snorkel, booties and fins. You can expect to pay **\$150-\$400** on these items. This personal equipment is essential and important for scuba diving, so you should seek counsel from your instructor or the dive shop staff. If you have this equipment already, please contact your instructor for approval before class begins, as some gear may not be suitable for scuba training.

Training / Dive Sites

We will be spending some time at the beginning of class to discuss the schedule in detail and conduct academic review. An important part of your training will take place in confined water and open water. Most confined water sessions for this class will be held at a local pool. Open water sessions will be held at two or three of the following locations:

- Natural Springs Resort
- Gilboa Quarry
- White Star Quarry

Florida Certifications are available for an extra charge for travel for winter.

- Blue Grotto
- Devils Den
- Rainbow River
- Florida Keys

Open water training sessions are subject to the instructor's assessment of environmental conditions and/or any other factor that may render a site unsuitable or subject to change. You

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can expect to make 4 dives over 2 or 3 days. It is wise to leave time for contingency dates if you are getting certified prior to destination travel or hurricane season.

Makeup Fees

Important information is included in every course session. Because diving is built from a few basics to more complex concepts, you must attend every session in order as scheduled or your training will be incomplete. You will be required to make up any missed sessions and there will be a cost associated with makeup sessions. Makeup sessions are subject to equipment availability, instructor/student ratios and instructor availability. Makeup costs are as follows: pool-\$150 and checkout dives-\$250. You must finish your course within six months, or you will be required to start over.

Legal

I understand and agree that by enrolling in this course I am incurring obligations for attendance, skill performance and financial responsibility. I understand that this course has a student limit and in consideration of course tuition, I am reserving a spot that will not be available to anyone else. I understand and agree that mastering the subject matter and skills of scuba diving are largely dependent on me, that my instructor is only able to assist and guide me as I proceed through the training process and that my accounts with Ohio Valley Adventures must be settled before I will receive my certification card. I also understand and agree that learning to scuba dive requires a commitment of time, money, cooperation and practice to be certified. I am willing to accept the risks and responsibilities for my own actions. I understand the instructor must make the final judgment as to my competency and to be a safe diver and awarded certification.

Printed name

Signature (if under 18, parent/guardian sign here)

Date

Facility / Instructor's name
