

2011 Florida Sea Base Divemaster Academy

20 December 2011 – 03 January 2012

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is a co-ed facility owned and operated by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The Florida Sea Base has conducted a Divemaster Training Academy (DMA) annually since 2004. The DMA was created to recruit persons with significant Scouting backgrounds and certify them as PADI Divemasters to work on staff at the Florida Sea Base.

The Florida Sea Base will provide the following at no cost to the candidate:

- All required PADI training materials (manuals, books, dive tables, DM slates, etc.)
- Instructors' salaries
- Captain and Mate salaries
- Lodging
- Meals
- Tanks and air fills
- Weights
- Miscellaneous office supplies
- DMA uniforms

The Florida Sea Base may loan scuba equipment to candidates during the Divemaster Academy if necessary, but all candidates are encouraged to provide their own equipment if possible. Divemasters MUST own and provide a full set of scuba equipment during their employment at the Florida Sea Base (except tanks and weights). The Florida Sea Base is an authorized dealer for some of the major equipment manufacturers and offers equipment to DMA graduates at cost (including shipping) plus sales tax. The Florida Sea Base also sells used scuba equipment.

Each candidate will sign a contract agreeing to work at least one full season as a Divemaster at the Florida Sea Base or reimburse the Boy Scouts of America \$750 for the above expenses. Season dates change annually but are approximately:

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| Spring | 15 February – 01 May |
| Summer | 23 May – 01 September |

Each candidate is responsible for the following expenses:

- Transportation to and from the Florida Sea Base
- PADI membership fee (approximately \$90 paid to PADI)
- PADI Divemaster eLearning program (\$200 paid to PADI)
- BSA Annual Health and Medical Form & PADI/RSTC Medical Form signed by a doctor
- Expenses related to prerequisite training

The course dates are 20 December 2011 through 03 January 2012. Candidates will arrive on or before 19 December 2011 and may depart on or after 04 January 2012.

Applications are due on or before 15 September 2011. Applications will be reviewed in the order received. Course enrollment is limited to a maximum of 16 candidates. Applicants selected as candidates for the 2011 DMA will be notified by 01 October 2011.

Applicant Prerequisites (These are mandatory and cannot be waived)

- ✓ Advanced Open Water Diver Certification (PADI preferred but others will be considered)
- ✓ Rescue Diver Certification (PADI preferred but others will be considered)
- ✓ 18 years old prior to start of course
- ✓ 40 logged dives (Copies must be submitted for review)
- ✓ First Aid and CPR certifications that are valid through 28 February 2012 (EFR certifications preferred but others will be considered)
- ✓ PADI/RSTC Medical Form signed by a doctor after 01 March 2011

Applicant Preferences (These are not mandatory but will increase your chance of selection)

- Eagle Scout or equivalent (Sea Scout Quartermaster, Venture Ranger Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, adult Scouter positions, etc.)
- 45 or more logged dives
- PADI Deep Diver Specialty Certification
- PADI Search and Recovery Diver Certification
- PADI Night Diver Specialty Certification
- PADI or DAN Oxygen Provider Certification
- High School Graduate

Applications can be downloaded from www.bsaseabase.org or www.floridaseabaseneeds.com.

Completed applications with attachments or inquiries should be directed to:

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