



Royal Rangers

Merit Requirements: Silver-Bordered Merit

SCUBA DIVING MERIT

Written responses will require the boy to write the response to the requirement on a separate piece of paper and insert it into their Workbook. Please, put your name on each insert.

Earn your basic Scuba Diving Certificate from ONE of the following organizations:

1. **Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI)** You must at least be 10 years or older and complete the Discover Scuba Statement (which includes a medical questionnaire).
2. **Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA):** Learning to Scuba dive is safe, affordable and requires a modest amount of training. An entry-level certification course takes approximately 32 hours to complete during day or evening classes from a couple of weekends to several weeks. In order to earn a Scuba certification, you will participate in classroom sessions and practice essential diving skills in a pool. Finally, you will test your knowledge on a written exam and apply your skills during training dives in a lake, quarry, spring or ocean. Upon completion, you will 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.
3. **National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI):** Scuba Diver is the NAUI entry-level scuba certification course. It provides the fundamental knowledge and skills to scuba dive. Upon successful completion of this course, 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. Minimum is 15 years for Scuba Diver certification. (Junior certification for ages 12 - 14 years is allowed. See "Policies Applying to All Courses", Age, Junior Certification.")
4. **Scuba Schools International (SSI)**

Information on each of these organizations may be found on their web sites. Forms can be downloaded. Look for a certificate of completion.