



**Los Angeles County
2010 Advanced Diver Program (ADP)**



Dear ADP Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in our 2010 Advanced Diver Program. Enclosed you will find an application, medical history and physician approval form, course description, requirements and course schedule. Please review this information carefully before completing your application.

The price for the course is \$495.00 and includes all of your instruction in the classroom, pool and ocean sessions. Boat fare is also included in the cost of the course fees. Student training kits and required books are not included as part of the course tuition.

If you are committed to applying for this year's ADP, you should begin by having a medical examination. Please fill out the medical history form and take it to your physician.

You can submit your completed application, medical history form and a refundable deposit of \$75.00 to us to guarantee a spot for you in the program. The physician approval is due by the start of the program. ADP 2010 is a 10 week program spanning approximately 14 sessions that will start on Saturday, July 10, 2010.

If you have any questions about this year's program, please call us at (323) 726-2155 or email us at apply@lacountyscuba.com.

Additional information about the program and the rich history of the County of Los Angeles Underwater Programs can be found on our website at www.lacountyscuba.com.

Sincerely yours,

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INTRODUCTION

Our history began when sport diving first became popular in Southern California. The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation was the first to recognize the need for highly skilled and dedicated Underwater Instructors to effectively teach proper and safe practices in recreational SCUBA Diving.

Since 1954 we have trained qualified professionals who continue to provide an example for the entire industry. The courses are staffed by volunteer Los Angeles County Underwater Instructors and offer some of the finest curriculum and highest set of standards in sport diving.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation offers a selection of courses dedicated to those interested in the underwater world, with an emphasis on the varied conditions found along the Southern California coastline and beautiful Channel Islands.

Certifications ranging from entry level to instructor are available. Emphasizing safety and respect for the environment, novice divers are taught how to handle themselves to increasingly more stringent standards.

ADP PROGRAM

Basic scuba divers emerge from their certification courses with questions and reservations about their diving future, regardless of how well they are trained. Legitimate questions about who to dive with, where to dive and what to do on a dive are almost universal. A diver's reservations about lack of experience often cause the otherwise enthusiastic diver to put off that first dive for weeks, months or even years...sometimes forever.

To reduce in number those who simply "drop out" of diving, the Los Angeles County Underwater Unit developed the Advanced Diver Program. It offers training in those specialty areas a basic class cannot cover; introduces divers to other divers and today's diving leaders. It educates and trains divers to an advanced level where they can stand out as examples to the rest of the diving world. It is our challenge to recognize and fulfill the vital needs of the certified diver.

The Los Angeles County Advanced Diver Program is 100 hours+ of formal training, both in lectures and waterwork. Lectures cover specialty areas of diving activity plus in-depth coverage of diving fundamentals. For a basic certified diver, the Advanced Diver Program offers a more comprehensive training in Skin and SCUBA skills than can be taught in a Basic Course and improves diving fitness.

For the experienced diver, the Advanced Diver Program offers the opportunity to expand knowledge, learn the latest techniques, improve skills, and be introduced to new diving areas and buddies. The Advanced Diver Program is truly the finest diver education program of its kind.



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ELIGIBILITY

This program is designed to make any diver at any certification level a better, safer diver. The Advanced Diver Program is truly the finest diver education program of its kind. Our eligibility requirements include:

Age minimum:

- Must be 15 years of age at time of enrollment. Junior divers can participate on a case by case basis after careful review by the ADP Staff.

Required Certification:

- Basic SCUBA Certification from a recognized training agency.

Prior to Graduation:

- Current First Aid Certification
- Current CPR Certification

Medical:

- Must submit a current SCUBA diving medical exam report by a qualified physician.

TIME CONSIDERATIONS

The program runs for a total of approximately 14 sessions spanning 10 weeks. Pool, classroom and ocean work account for over 100 hours of training. Additional time is required for practice and study as well as travel time to and from the various training locations.

GEAR AND EQUIPMENT

ADP Candidates are expected to have a complete set of full ocean SCUBA gear in complete working order available for all pool and ocean training sessions.

Additional specialty equipment may be required during different segments of the training. Ample notice will be given when additional equipment is required for specific training sessions.

MATERIALS

The required training material for the program is the NAUI Master Diver textbook, which is not included in the cost of the tuition. This textbook can be purchased from any NAUI Instructor, NAUI facilities, or direct from LA County Scuba's eStore.

If you are interested in additionally receiving NAUI certifications (Master Diver, Rescue Diver and Nitrox Diver), additional fees for student kits and certification cards will apply.