



Sea Colony Aqua Sports

Maryland's largest and oldest PADI 5 Star Training Facility



Certification Dives 2019

Description

Many of the scuba courses offered through Sea Colony require a series of checkout dives before a certification card can be issued. These include Open Water Diver, Advanced Open Water Diver and Rescue Diver. Our primary checkout location is [Lake Phoenix](#) in Southern Virginia. Other locations, such as our Spring Break trip to Key Largo, Florida, are also offered at an additional cost.



Prerequisites

Prior to participating in your checkout dives, you must have already adequately completed all academic and in water pool requirements of your course. Additionally, you must have signed your RSTC Medical Statement with no medical issues or have a signed RSTC Medical Statement from you physician stating you have no medical conditions that are considered incompatible with diving. If this is not completed, you will not be allowed to dive - no exceptions.

Cost

Please call us for current pricing. The price will include your quarry entrance fees, rental of all scuba equipment including a wetsuit and hoods and gloves (if necessary), your certification card processing fees and your instructor's time. You must provide your own set of personal gear - mask, snorkel, fins and booties.

Everyone entering the campground must pay an entrance fee. If you are diving with us your entrance fee is covered in your checkout cost. If you have

visitors, parents, spouses, boy/girl friends who would like to snorkel or camp, their entrance and/or camping fees must be paid directly to the campground. You can visit the [Lake Phoenix](#) website for their current visitor fees.

Lodging

The checkout cost does NOT include lodging. Lake Phoenix is a family campground and most students camp with us. Our campsite has plenty of space for tents and no reservations are necessary. There is a bath house with hot showers next to our site and we have limited electrical outlets for cell phone charging. Tent camping costs \$10.75 per person per night and is payable directly to Lake Phoenix when you arrive. The campground does have a limited number of electrical hookups for RVs and pull campers which must be reserved in advance. If you prefer to stay at a hotel, there are several options listed on the [Lake Phoenix](#) website. You must make your own hotel reservations and we cannot guarantee that rooms will

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410-544-3607
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Hours:

11:00 - 7:00 Mon-Fri
11:00 - 3:00 Sat
Closed Sun

Lake Phoenix:

1 Quarry Lane
Rawlings, Virginia 23876
(804) 716-2199
LakePhoenixVA@gmail.com
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be available. All of the hotels listed have special rates for divers, so mention Lake Phoenix when you call them.

What to Pack

All scuba equipment will be supplied for you and transported to the lake for the weekend but you must still remember to bring your own personal gear (mask, snorkel, fins, booties) and your log book. If you are camping, you must bring your own camping gear (tent, sleeping bag, blanket, air mattress and towel). Please pack for the weather. Weekends will not be canceled due to the weather!

Lake Waiver Forms and Rules

Prior to arriving at the quarry, you must visit Lake Phoenix's web site and complete the online waiver. This must be done by everyone including students and visitors. Select either the [Non-Certified Student Diver](#) link (for Open Water students) the [Certified Diver](#) link (for Advanced Open Water and Rescue students) or the [Visitor link](#) (for Visitors). You will not be allowed onto the property until this is complete. If you are arriving Friday evening, check the [Lake Phoenix](#) website for their current hours. Sea Colony cannot admit anyone after the closing hours. If you are arriving Saturday morning, please arrive early enough so that you can attend our mandatory 11:00 am briefing. If you need to leave the lake for some reason, be sure to verify the gate closing times.

Have Fun

Prepare to have fun at the quarry. In addition to having over two hours of time in the water scuba diving, there are plenty of other activities at Lake Phoenix. You can snorkel and swim in the lake, play

Frisbee in the field, or volleyball and badminton on the court. We also have corn hole boards and card games. Later in the evening you can join us for an inexpensive dinner at the Nottoway Restaurant or snack on food from the Lake's on site concessions. Finally, we'll get a roaring campfire going in the evening to cook s'mores, tell stories and watch the stars.

Directions From I-95, North of Lake Phoenix

- Take I-95 south to Exit 51, I-85 South
Avoid I-95 close to the DC Beltway due to traffic
Consider using Route 301 to reach I-95
- Take Exit 39 Rawlings and turn right
- After 0.2 miles, at the "T" intersection, turn left onto Route 1 South
- After 1 mile, turn right onto Rawlings Rd/Rt 629
- After 1.4 miles, turn right onto Quarry Lane (dirt road)
- Follow Quarry Lane straight to the main gate!

Directions From Maryland's Eastern Shore

- Take Route 13 South to Chesapeake Bridge Tunnel
- Take I-64 East to Route 58 West
- Take Route 58 West to Edgerton (about 14 miles West of Emporia)
- Turn right on Route 712 Old Stage Road at the Valero gas station
- Go 13 miles to Route 1 (Nottoway Restaurant on left) turn left
- After 1 mile, turn right onto Rawlings Rd/Rt 629
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