

Since Dutch Springs is about 1 hour 45 minutes' drive and our days start very early, a hotel in the Bethlehem area is strongly recommended. We have a limited number of rooms available at the Courtyard by Marriott Lehigh Valley, at a very special price. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. It's important that you mention Blue Water Divers in order to receive the special rate of \$109 (plus tax) per night. The room must be booked at least one week before your scheduled Training Dive Weekend. The rooms at this rate are first-come, first-served so call to book the rooms when you have put a deposit on your training dive weekend. Let Courtyard know whether you want rooms for Friday, Saturday or both. They will ask for a credit card to hold your room. Nothing will be charged to the card unless you don't show up and fail to cancel your reservation at least 24 hours prior to arrival date.

Courtyard Marriott Lehigh Valley •2220 Emrick Blvd, Bethlehem, PA 18020• (610) 625-9500

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/abebc-courtyard-bethlehem-lehigh-valley-i-78>

Payment Schedule

Training Dive Weekend fees are \$350.00 per person (including tanks and rentals), for the weekend. A deposit of \$100 is required to hold your space for the weekend. The balance must be paid one week before your scheduled weekend
Cancellations with 2 weeks' prior notice results in a full refund. Cancellations of less than 2 weeks results in a cancellation fee. Students who fail to cancel with Blue Water Divers or who do not show up at all, will forfeit any monies previously paid to Blue Water Divers.

Divers the age of 10 and 11 will need to pay an additional \$100 because of insurance and student to instructor ratios.

Blue Water Divers reserves the right to cancel any Training Dive Weekend and will advise participants of such cancellations as soon as possible. Blue Water Divers will not cancel a Training Dive Weekend because of rain.

Important Numbers

Blue Water Divers (201) 843.3340
DAN (Diver's Alert Network) (919) 685.8111
Dutch Springs (610) 759.2270
www.dutchsprings.com

Open Water Training Dive Weekend Guide



201 Rt. 17 South – Rochelle Park, NJ 07662 – 201 843-3340

Congratulations!

You have just completed the first step toward your Open Water Certification. You will now take the skills you've mastered in confined water and apply them to your Open Water Training.

Our training dives are conducted in a lake in the picturesque Lehigh Valley in Eastern Pennsylvania. This 97-acre recreation area has a beautiful picnic area, heated changing areas and lavatories. The environment is such that non-divers coming along for the weekend can bring a lounge chair and a good book, and enjoy a beautiful weekend in the great outdoors. Dutch Springs is open for diving and there is a water park for all to enjoy. The diving accommodations have been designed for the diver's enjoyment and safety at every level of certification.

Blue Water Divers will do as much as we can to assure you an enjoyable yet informative experience as you make your way toward your Open Water Certification Card. Listed in this brochure is everything you will need to know for your Training Dive Weekend. Please read it carefully; and if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please feel free to call us at the store.

To save you time please go to our website www.bluewaterdivers.com. Go to the FORMS (dropdown) download the Dutch Springs waiver form- and fill it out.

Congratulations once again, and have a great weekend.

Always safe diving,
Lorraine and David
And the Staff at Blue Water Divers

Equipment

1) You will need to come and get fitted for your rental gear, the sooner the better! We will set aside your rental package once you are fitted which *includes* 2 tanks, BCD, regulator, gauge, 2-piece 7mm wetsuit & hood until the week of training dives. You can come pick it up any time after the Monday of Training Dive week. You are responsible for picking up your rentals before the class and returning it the week after the course (clean & dry please), we do not transport it out for you.

2) PLEASE remember to bring your weight belts to the shop with you so we can fit you with the proper weights (additional 10% of body weight plus 4 pounds) so that we do not have to do it the morning of class at Dutch Springs. Purchase of gloves are highly recommended.

3) There is a BBQ lunch plus snacks both Saturday and Sunday. The fee is \$20 per person for the whole weekend. We collect onsite. If you do NOT want to participate or have dietary requirements, please call the shop.

4) Please arrive 7:30am to stand on line and purchase tickets. Once you have tickets, you will drive through the gate and turn LEFT towards the training side. You will see our van and/or trailer. Prior to the weekend, pick up a WAIVER while you are at the shop - this will give you a discounted price on the entrance tickets which is \$40 per day per diver.

BUY FOR BOTH DAYS on Saturday! Then you won't have to stand on the line again on Sunday.

*Advanced Open Water students should purchase entry tickets for both days and a Saturday night dive, as well as 4 air fill tickets. Rescue students should purchase entry tickets for both days plus one air fill ticket.

You can also purchase your tickets and complete your waiver on their website, directions are below:

1- Go to <http://dutchsprings.com/divertickets.html>

2- Click on "BUY NOW Dive Shop Promo Tickets"

3- Type your single use promo code in the "Enter Promo Code Here" Box

Promo Code: special (you will enter the word "special" here)

4- Select your ticket(s)

5- In shopping cart, enter coupon code at "Enter Code" box then hit "Apply"

Coupon Code: 1100025

5) Briefings begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. On both Saturday and Sunday. You will be part of a large group of students and assistants so out of fairness to the group, we cannot wait for you if you are late. For this reason, we request that you please be on time.

6) Book your hotel: The Courtyard Marriott Lehigh Valley is our preferred choice, their discounted rate is \$109. But there are plenty of other options near the airport.

7) If there is any balance left on the course, please remember to pay when you come to shop before the weekend. All balances must be settled prior to the course weekend.

8) Last but certainly not least, please bring out your **LOG BOOKS**, it is required to bring out your log books to log each individual dive.

9) Optional: Dry Suit: Stay dry and warm! Inquire at either store. \$125 with a required pool orientation.

Use this checklist to help you prepare for your Training Dive Weekend. We will not have extra equipment at the lake, so please try to remember to pack the following:

Open Water Students:

- Buoyancy Control Device*
- Regulator/Gauges*
- Wet suit/ Dry Suit*
- Hood*
- Booties
- Fins
- Mask
- Snorkel
- Weight Belt (10% + 4lbs)
- Gloves
- Equipment Bag
- 2 Tanks*
- Log Book
- Compass
- Mask defog

Personal Items:

- Extra Clothes
- Towel
- Swimsuit
- Blanket
- Lawn Chair
- Warm hat, jacket, gloves (Spring and Fall)

Advanced Open Water Students:

Same as Open Water plus:

- Knife
- Tank marker
- Dive light
- Slates
- Whistle
- Certification Card
- Dive Computer*
- Tanks*
- Safety Sausage

Rescue Students:

Same as Advanced Students plus:

- Pocket Mask
- Sea Snips

Dry Suit Students:

Same as Advanced Students plus:

- Dry Suit*
- Insulation*
- Ankle Weights
- Seal Saver or soapy water
- Dry Suit Inflator Hose*
- Warm Socks/ Dry Suit Boots

*For Continuing Education students, if you do not own equipment, these items are available for rental at BWD. Please be sure to reserve it in advance.

It is imperative that you try on "Open Water" wetsuits and hoods.

The rental package is \$89.00 (*which includes 1 tank*).

Open Water students will need a waterproof compass for navigating. Please be sure you have one on the equipment rental you will be reserving.