

Do you have Scouts with interests in:

- the underwater world?
- swimming with the fish?
- exploring a shipwreck?
- working with scientists who do water quality testing and underwater surveys?
- helping protect the environment with underwater cleanups?

If the answer to any of the above is yes, then a SCUBA Sea Scout unit is the answer.

If I can't find one near me, what do I need to start a SCUBA Sea Scout unit?

- A charter partner such as a local dive shop, or a dive, swim or yacht club
- Five young people ages 14 to 20
- Two adult leaders (must have co-ed leaders if the ship is co-ed)

How do we get trained for fun on and under the water?

BSA has established authorizations with the three international certification agencies. An insured active scuba instructor who has completed Venturing Youth Protection can lead the dive training. Also, the international safety organization Divers Alert Network (DAN, www.dan.org) is participating in CPR and Diver Safety Programs. For training, look for:

SDI - Scuba Diving International
<u>www.tdisdi.com</u>

• PADI – Professional Association of Dive Instructors <u>www.padi.com</u>

NAUI – National Association of Diving Instructors <u>www.naui.org</u>

A SCUBA focus offers new opportunities for fun in, on and under the water for an existing program or a brand new unit.

For more information about Sea Scouts, go to https://www.seascout.org. For questions about SCUBA Sea Scouting, contact the Sea Scout SCUBA specialist at scuba@seascout.org.