



Academy of Environmental Science

Ernest Hopper, Principal

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Greetings,

AES would like to share an opportunity with you for the 2021-2022 School Year. The students at AES have been part of a SCUBA certification program since 2017. The only students in the county this specific program is offered to are AES 10th grade students. The program is run by NAUI (National Association of Underwater Divers) Certified Instructors under the direction of Tom Gotterup, who has more than 45 years as a certified instructor.

This program is not operated by AES Staff, however, since the program is only offered to AES students, there are some expectations that need to be met by students to participate. Students are expected to:

- Write an essay about why they want to participate in the program (One page maximum)
- Maintain positive behavior during instruction
- Be in good academic and behavioral standing at AES
- Suspensions may result in dismissal from the program
- Expulsions will result in dismissal from the program

AES has purchased equipment for the diving which has helped to reduce the cost to our students and makes this program more affordable than other comparable programs. The students who participate would be responsible for the payment of the program and personal equipment that will need to be purchased. All AES students, staff and parents get 20% off personal equipment purchased at Crystal River Kayak and Dive Center. The current costs are:

- \$175.00 Paid to Crystal River Kayak Company and Dive Center (Due at first meeting)-This covers the cost of instruction, all academic materials; BCD and regulators; and the use of tanks, air fills, wetsuits and weights.
- Various Costs (mask, snorkel, fins and booties) need to be purchased by the students-These are now the students' personal equipment.
- Refunds will not be issued except for serious emergency circumstances

All AES students who participate in the program will get a lifetime certification that will not expire. Only 10 students will be selected at a time to participate in the group. There will be multiple offerings that will occur at the conclusion of the 8-week program (10 sessions) 8/24/2021-10/17/2021. This will be on a first come, first served basis, however, please respond to Mr. Hopper by August 14, 2021.

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The dates for the program are as follows:

DAY	DATE	TIMES	LOCATION
TUESDAY	8/24/2021	6:00 PM – 8:30 PM Parent Meeting	Crystal River Chamber of Commerce 915 N Suncoast Blvd, Crystal River, FL 34429
TUESDAY	8/31/2021	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Crystal River Chamber of Commerce 915 N Suncoast Blvd, Crystal River, FL 34429
TUESDAY	9/7/2021	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Crystal River Chamber of Commerce 915 N Suncoast Blvd, Crystal River, FL 34429
TUESDAY	9/14/2021	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Crystal River Chamber of Commerce 915 N Suncoast Blvd, Crystal River, FL 34429
TUESDAY	9/21/2021	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Crystal River Chamber of Commerce 915 N Suncoast Blvd, Crystal River, FL 34429
SUNDAY	9/26/2021	8:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Bicentennial Park Pool 8145 W Bicentennial Park Dr, Crystal River, FL 34429
SUNDAY	10/3/2021	8:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Bicentennial Park Pool 8145 W Bicentennial Park Dr, Crystal River, FL 34429
SUNDAY	10/10/2021	8:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Bicentennial Park Pool 8145 W Bicentennial Park Dr, Crystal River, FL 34429
SATURDAY	10/16/2021	12:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Blue Grotto Dive Resort 3852 NE 172 Ct, Williston, FL 32696
SUNDAY	10/17/2021	12:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Blue Grotto Dive Resort 3852 NE 172 Ct, Williston, FL 32696

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NAUI Scuba Certification Application

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

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I understand that if I am selected, I will need to commit to all the dates posted (10 sessions). I also understand I will need to display professional behavior with the instructors to ensure all proper safety protocols are followed. Refunds will not be issued unless under emergency conditions and will be at the discretion of Tom Gotterup (Lead Instructor).

Student Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

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