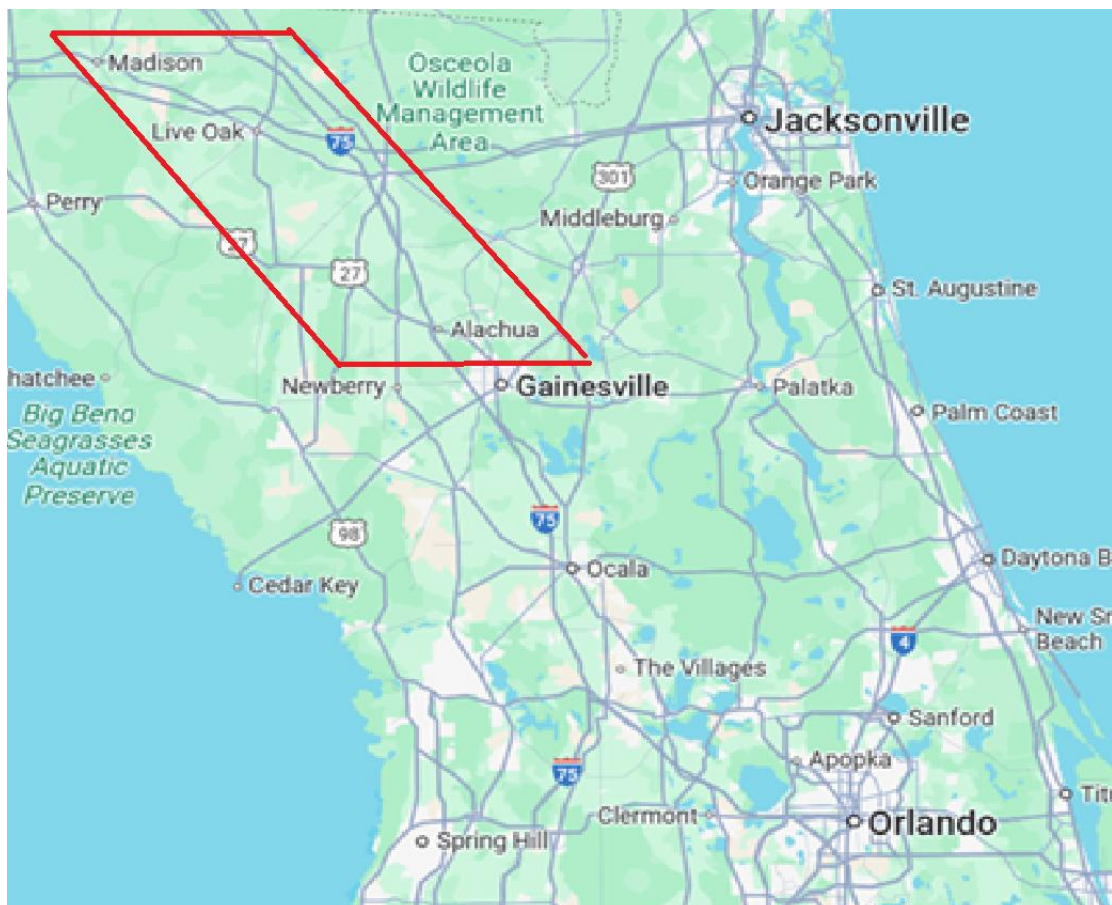




**Dates: October 31<sup>st</sup> – November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

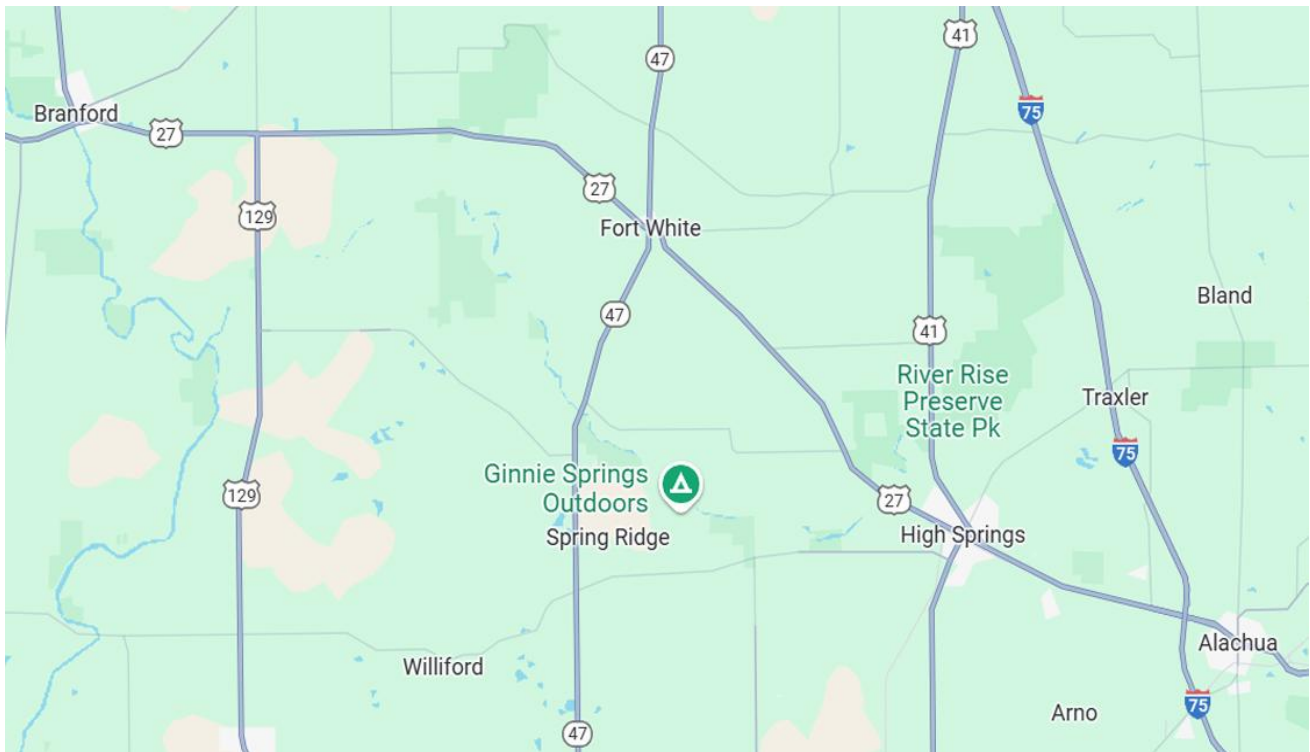
**Where is Florida Cave Diving?**

- Central Florida – south of Lake City, north of Orlando & Gainesville, west of Jacksonville.



## [Where is the Summit Hosted?](#)

- North Florida Cave Training, 6583 SW Elim Church Road, Fort White, FL 32038 USA



## [Why participate?](#)

### **Discover Florida Cave Diving:**

For divers worldwide, Florida is more than just shore and boat dives; it's also home to some of the most legendary freshwater cave systems on the planet.

### **Highlights Include:**

- Crystal-Clear Springs: With year-round visibility often exceeding 100 feet, Florida's freshwater springs offer pristine dive conditions unlike anywhere else.
- World-Class Cave Systems: Explore iconic sites like Ginie Springs, Devil's Eye, Peacock Springs, and more—each with unique passages and geological wonders.
- Training in the Birthplace of Cave Diving: Florida is considered the cradle of cave diving. Specifically, the springs systems within the Florida Karst region, whose network of interconnected springs and caves, made it an ideal location for early cave diving pioneers.

### **Kick Off a Transformative Week of Diving:**

- The summit is strategically scheduled the week before DEMA Show 2025 in Orlando, Florida (November 11–14).

- Imagine starting your DEMA experience not on a showroom floor, but underwater in crystal-clear caves, exploring places very few people have been able to visit.

## **What is there to offer in participating?**

### **Three Evolutions to participate in:**

#### Evolution One – \$25.00 Seminars Only

- A full day of Technical Talks (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM), featuring presentations by industry experts.

#### Evolution Two – Course & Workshop Fee Based & Includes entire summit attendance

- Technical training and instructor-level workshops (*open circuit only*)

#### Evolution Three – \$200.00 Includes entire Summit attendance

- Cave Dive Experience Building and Site Orientation –
  - *Open to open-circuit and rebreather divers seeking to gain experience in Florida's unique cave environments.*
- Trip Leaders – No Summit Cost

## **Can a group participate in specific Evolutions?**

Participation can be for the following:

- Evolution 1 – Technical Talks
- Evolution 1 /Technical Talks & Evolution 2 – Diver & Instructor Courses & Workshops
- Evolution 1 Technical Talks & Evolution 3 - Cave Diving / Experience Building and Site Orientation

## **Can a team participate and conduct their own training?**

- Yes, if you want to conduct your own training or guiding with the Summit you are more than welcome.
- Assistance can be provided to conduct your own courses & workshops

## **What are the additional Cost?**

- Entrance fees to State & County Parks Dive Sites - \$5.00 (Credit Card Only)
  - Peacock System
  - Little River – DPV Cave diving allow without Overhead Certification
  - Maddison
  - Telford - DPV Cave diving allowed without Overhead Certification
  - Ichenucknee Springs
  - Jug Hole – NSS-CDS Membership required
  - Hart Spring – Guided dive only, 3 members per team including guide
- Ginnie Springs –
  - Cave Divers - \$28.00 – Season Pass \$400.00
  - Openwater Divers - \$36.00
  - Must have proper certification for cave diving
    - If diving CCR, must have CCR Cave Certification

- If diving DPV, must have Overhead DPV Certification
- Equipment Rental Fees
  - Tanks –
  - Single \$12.00
  - Doubles \$24.00
    - Plus 0.18 per cubic ft – 32% nitrox
    - Plus 100% O2 – 0.30 per cubic ft
    - Air fills per single tank \$8.00
- DPV Rentals \$85.00 per day (limited DPV's available)
- Additional Equipment Rentals & Pricing Available Upon Request

## How do we Register?

- **Summit Registration:**
  - Available via NAUI FareHarbor
- **Included:**
  - Event access, training opportunities (fee-based), rental support, and educational experiences.
- **Interested in Sponsorship?**
  - Dive manufacturers and sponsors are welcome to contribute gear, resources, or attend Evolution One to meet the NAUI tech community.

*For sponsorship inquiries, please email [marketing@nau.org](mailto:marketing@nau.org).*

**Due to high interest and limited training slots, we strongly encourage early registration and travel planning.**

## Where are places to stay in Cave Country?

- Recommendations for Hotels & AirBnB's
- There are a few options for accommodation in the Gainesville, Alachua, and High Springs area and here are some ideas

### High Springs Area:

<p>High Springs Country Inn ★★</p> <p>19663 NW US HWY 441</p> <p>High Springs FL 32643</p> <p>+1 386-454-1565</p> <p><a href="https://highspringsinn.com/">https://highspringsinn.com/</a></p>	<p>BlueGem Motel ★★</p> <p>19544 NW US Hwy 441, High Springs, FL 32643, United States</p> <p>+13864541701</p> <p><a href="https://www.bluegemmotel.com/">https://www.bluegemmotel.com/</a></p>
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## Alachua Area:

<p>Hampton Inn &amp; Suites Alachua I-75</p> <p>★ ★ ★</p> <p>15930 Northwest 163rd Lane, Alachua, Alachua (FL), United States, 32615</p> <p>+1-888-423-3230</p> <p><a href="https://room77.com/property/6527063.html?pn=&amp;googleCampaignId=18566413900&amp;googleAdGroupId=153789173512&amp;googleAdId=673843925412&amp;keyword=hampton%20inn%20in%20alachua&amp;matchType=b&amp;googleKeywordId=&amp;adExtensionId=&amp;network=g&amp;adPosition=&amp;deviceType=c&amp;physicalLocation=9000788&amp;interestLocation=&amp;targetId=kwd-2194301215390&amp;placement=&amp;gad_source=1&amp;gclid=0AAAAAD-SH6oPmiWtREjEI-rNB9ISPaa-l&amp;gclid=Cj0KCQjw_JzABhC2ARIsAPe3ynqQ7hvNO39HdCBeZ5juKhrVgHn_pPHwWykuKw-lz62FqkA88hXSTlkaAjBqEALw_wcB">https://room77.com/property/6527063.html?pn=&amp;googleCampaignId=18566413900&amp;googleAdGroupId=153789173512&amp;googleAdId=673843925412&amp;keyword=hampton%20inn%20in%20alachua&amp;matchType=b&amp;googleKeywordId=&amp;adExtensionId=&amp;network=g&amp;adPosition=&amp;deviceType=c&amp;physicalLocation=9000788&amp;interestLocation=&amp;targetId=kwd-2194301215390&amp;placement=&amp;gad_source=1&amp;gclid=0AAAAAD-SH6oPmiWtREjEI-rNB9ISPaa-l&amp;gclid=Cj0KCQjw_JzABhC2ARIsAPe3ynqQ7hvNO39HdCBeZ5juKhrVgHn_pPHwWykuKw-lz62FqkA88hXSTlkaAjBqEALw_wcB</a></p>	<p>Quality Inn Alachua - Gainesville Area</p> <p>★ ★ ★</p> <p>15960 NW US Hwy 441, Alachua, FL 32615</p> <p>+1 386-518-8750</p> <p><a href="https://www.choicehotels.com/florida/alachua/quality-inn-hotels/fl682?mc=llgoxxpx">https://www.choicehotels.com/florida/alachua/quality-inn-hotels/fl682?mc=llgoxxpx</a></p>
<p>Holiday Inn Express &amp; Suites Alachua - Gainesville Area by IHG ★ ★ ★ ★ ★</p> <p>16367 NW 167th Blvd, Alachua, FL 32615, United States</p> <p>+13865186777</p> <p><a href="https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/alachua/gnvac/hotel/detail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps--EX--US--GNVAC">https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/alachua/gnvac/hotel/detail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps--EX--US--GNVAC</a></p>	<p>Americas Best Value Inn Alachua</p> <p>★ ★ ★</p> <p>16100 NW US Hwy 441, Alachua, FL 32615, United States</p> <p>+13864623251</p> <p><a href="https://www.sonesta.com/americas-best-value-inn/fl/alachua/americas-best-value-inn-alachua">https://www.sonesta.com/americas-best-value-inn/fl/alachua/americas-best-value-inn-alachua</a></p>

## Lake City:

<p>Holiday Inn Hotel &amp; Suites Lake City</p> <p>★★★★</p> <p>213 S.W. Commerce Drive Blvd., Lake City, Lake City (FL), United States, 32025</p> <p><a href="https://www.agoda.com/holiday-inn-hotel-suites-lake-city/hotel/lake-city-fl-us.html?countryId=181&amp;finalPriceView=2&amp;isShowMobileAppPrice=false&amp;cid=1844104&amp;numberOfBedrooms=&amp;familyMode=false&amp;adults=2&amp;children=0&amp;rooms=1&amp;maxRooms=0&amp;checkIn=2025-10-31&amp;isCalendarCallout=false&amp;childAges=&amp;numberOfGuest=0&amp;missingChildAges=false&amp;travellerType=1&amp;showReviewSubmissionEntry=false&amp;currencyCode=CAD&amp;isFreeOccSearch=false&amp;tspTypes=8&amp;los=7&amp;searchrequestid=8cf5f09e-8af9-4dfb-a820-ca6ba13f7cea&amp;ds=RXLushFyZOIDGqsO">https://www.agoda.com/holiday-inn-hotel-suites-lake-city/hotel/lake-city-fl-us.html?countryId=181&amp;finalPriceView=2&amp;isShowMobileAppPrice=false&amp;cid=1844104&amp;numberOfBedrooms=&amp;familyMode=false&amp;adults=2&amp;children=0&amp;rooms=1&amp;maxRooms=0&amp;checkIn=2025-10-31&amp;isCalendarCallout=false&amp;childAges=&amp;numberOfGuest=0&amp;missingChildAges=false&amp;travellerType=1&amp;showReviewSubmissionEntry=false&amp;currencyCode=CAD&amp;isFreeOccSearch=false&amp;tspTypes=8&amp;los=7&amp;searchrequestid=8cf5f09e-8af9-4dfb-a820-ca6ba13f7cea&amp;ds=RXLushFyZOIDGqsO</a></p>	<p>La Quinta Inn &amp; Suite by Wyndham Lake City</p> <p>★★★★</p> <p>165 NW Cali Drive, Lake City, Lake City (FL), United States, 32055</p> <p><a href="https://www.agoda.com/la-quinta-inn-suite-by-wyndham-lake-city/hotel/lake-city-fl-us.html?countryId=181&amp;finalPriceView=2&amp;isShowMobileAppPrice=false&amp;cid=1844104&amp;numberOfBedrooms=&amp;familyMode=false&amp;adults=2&amp;children=0&amp;rooms=1&amp;maxRooms=0&amp;checkIn=2025-10-31&amp;isCalendarCallout=false&amp;childAges=&amp;numberOfGuest=0&amp;missingChildAges=false&amp;travellerType=1&amp;showReviewSubmissionEntry=false&amp;currencyCode=CAD&amp;isFreeOccSearch=false&amp;tspTypes=1%2C8&amp;los=7&amp;searchrequestid=8cf5f09e-8af9-4dfb-a820-ca6ba13f7cea&amp;ds=RXLushFyZOIDGqsO">https://www.agoda.com/la-quinta-inn-suite-by-wyndham-lake-city/hotel/lake-city-fl-us.html?countryId=181&amp;finalPriceView=2&amp;isShowMobileAppPrice=false&amp;cid=1844104&amp;numberOfBedrooms=&amp;familyMode=false&amp;adults=2&amp;children=0&amp;rooms=1&amp;maxRooms=0&amp;checkIn=2025-10-31&amp;isCalendarCallout=false&amp;childAges=&amp;numberOfGuest=0&amp;missingChildAges=false&amp;travellerType=1&amp;showReviewSubmissionEntry=false&amp;currencyCode=CAD&amp;isFreeOccSearch=false&amp;tspTypes=1%2C8&amp;los=7&amp;searchrequestid=8cf5f09e-8af9-4dfb-a820-ca6ba13f7cea&amp;ds=RXLushFyZOIDGqsO</a></p>
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## Space for small group ideas:

Neighborhood Spring House

Entire home in High Springs, Florida, United States

8 guests 4 bedrooms 4 beds 2 baths

[https://www.airbnb.ca/rooms/1395107099981005086?check\\_in=2025-10-31&check\\_out=2025-11-07&guests=1&adults=6&s=67&unique\\_share\\_id=c6fbb501-5d7a-49c9-93f9-810519691cc5](https://www.airbnb.ca/rooms/1395107099981005086?check_in=2025-10-31&check_out=2025-11-07&guests=1&adults=6&s=67&unique_share_id=c6fbb501-5d7a-49c9-93f9-810519691cc5)

Green Hideaway

Entire cottage in High Springs, Florida, United States

10 guests 3 bedrooms 6 beds 2 baths

[https://www.airbnb.ca/rooms/1174712325207424188?check\\_in=2025-10-31&check\\_out=2025-11-07&guests=1&adults=6&s=67&unique\\_share\\_id=17ba12f9-f659-4567-9d77-73a796814adf](https://www.airbnb.ca/rooms/1174712325207424188?check_in=2025-10-31&check_out=2025-11-07&guests=1&adults=6&s=67&unique_share_id=17ba12f9-f659-4567-9d77-73a796814adf)

Springs House- River, Springs, SCUBA + Downtown!

Entire home in High Springs, Florida, United States

6 guests 3 bedrooms 3 beds 1.5 baths

[https://www.airbnb.ca/rooms/37388026?check\\_in=2025-10-31&check\\_out=2025-11-07&guests=1&adults=6&s=67&unique\\_share\\_id=a7c5a367-f01f-4616-aac1-d49dec230df1](https://www.airbnb.ca/rooms/37388026?check_in=2025-10-31&check_out=2025-11-07&guests=1&adults=6&s=67&unique_share_id=a7c5a367-f01f-4616-aac1-d49dec230df1)

High Springs House Close to Spring, Diving, Downtown

Entire home in High Springs, Florida, United States

6 guests 3 bedrooms 4 beds 1 bath

[https://www.airbnb.ca/rooms/47816650?check\\_in=2025-10-31&check\\_out=2025-11-06&guests=1&adults=6&s=67&unique\\_share\\_id=03ccdc3f-f040-4f60-b109-c17487b2e43e](https://www.airbnb.ca/rooms/47816650?check_in=2025-10-31&check_out=2025-11-06&guests=1&adults=6&s=67&unique_share_id=03ccdc3f-f040-4f60-b109-c17487b2e43e)

Violeta of the Springs

4 guests 2 bedrooms 2 beds 1 bath

[https://www.airbnb.ca/rooms/639316373424989148?check\\_in=2025-10-31&check\\_out=2025-11-06&guests=1&adults=4&s=67&unique\\_share\\_id=51044461-933f-4922-8313-a848d3bddf22](https://www.airbnb.ca/rooms/639316373424989148?check_in=2025-10-31&check_out=2025-11-06&guests=1&adults=4&s=67&unique_share_id=51044461-933f-4922-8313-a848d3bddf22)

## **Branford Area:**

New Cozy Lake House, Hot Tub & Close to FL Springs

Entire home in Branford, Florida, United States

6 guests 2 bedrooms 4 beds 1 bath

[https://www.airbnb.ca/rooms/865457400787886957?adults=4&check\\_in=2025-10-31&check\\_out=2025-11-07&location=Branford%2C%20Florida%2C%20United%20States&search\\_mode=regular\\_search&source\\_impression\\_id=p3\\_1745336598\\_P3nbmjPkCSXVidqB&previous\\_page\\_section\\_name=1001&federated\\_search\\_id=a1fecfba-1c9e-45cb-84cb-4943dced189b](https://www.airbnb.ca/rooms/865457400787886957?adults=4&check_in=2025-10-31&check_out=2025-11-07&location=Branford%2C%20Florida%2C%20United%20States&search_mode=regular_search&source_impression_id=p3_1745336598_P3nbmjPkCSXVidqB&previous_page_section_name=1001&federated_search_id=a1fecfba-1c9e-45cb-84cb-4943dced189b)

Ichenucknee/Ginnie Springs & Divers woods retreat

Entire home in Branford, Florida, United States

8 guests 3 bedrooms 5 beds 2 baths

[https://www.airbnb.ca/rooms/53029563?adults=4&check\\_in=2025-10-31&check\\_out=2025-11-07&search\\_mode=regular\\_search&source\\_impression\\_id=p3\\_1745336569\\_P3CVxtyOh37cnSD5&previous\\_page\\_section\\_name=1000&federated\\_search\\_id=2436f09e-481e-4cda-9f35-02a1e60902f4](https://www.airbnb.ca/rooms/53029563?adults=4&check_in=2025-10-31&check_out=2025-11-07&search_mode=regular_search&source_impression_id=p3_1745336569_P3CVxtyOh37cnSD5&previous_page_section_name=1000&federated_search_id=2436f09e-481e-4cda-9f35-02a1e60902f4)

**Nearby Supermarket:**

Winn-Dixie Wine & Spirits 09:00-21:00

20303 US-441, High Springs, FL 32643

Publix Super Market at Alachua 07:00-22:00

16193 NW US Hwy 441, Alachua, FL 32615

**Nearby airports:**

- Gainesville Regional Airport (GNV) ~35mins drive to High Springs
- Orlando International Airport (MCO) ~120mins drive to High Springs
- Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) ~ 90mins drive to High Springs

## Dive Shops:

<p><b>North Florida Cave Training</b></p> <p><a href="https://northfloridacavetraining.com/">https://northfloridacavetraining.com/</a></p>	<p>6583 SW Elim Church Rd, Fort White, FL 32038</p> <p>386-406-0099 Call or Text</p> <p>info@northfloridacavetraining.com</p>
<p>Cave Country Dive Shop</p> <p><a href="https://www.cavecountrydiving.com/contact-us">https://www.cavecountrydiving.com/contact-us</a></p>	<p>8:00 am to 6:00 pm every day. Closed some holidays.</p> <p>19808 N US HWY 441</p> <p>High Springs, FL 32643</p> <p>386-454-4444</p>
<p>Extreme Exposure</p> <p><a href="https://extreme-exposure.com/">https://extreme-exposure.com/</a></p>	<p>08:00 - 18:00</p> <p>18481 High Springs Main St, High Springs, FL 32643</p> <p>+1 386-454-8158 / 800-5746341</p>

**Emergency Services:**

Police: 911

DAN Emergency Hotline: +1-919-684-9111

HCA Florida Gainesville Emergency

4094 SW 41st Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32608, United States

+13528109500

[https://www.hcafloridahealthcare.com/locations/gainesville-emergency?utm\\_campaign=corp\\_listings\\_mgmt&utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=business\\_listing](https://www.hcafloridahealthcare.com/locations/gainesville-emergency?utm_campaign=corp_listings_mgmt&utm_source=google&utm_medium=business_listing)

23mins to High Springs

North Florida Emergency services

896-998 NW 122nd St, Gainesville, FL 32607, United States

+13523138000

<http://nfrmc.com/>

24mins to High Springs

## [What Courses & Workshops are available & fees?](#)

### Evolution Two - Courses & Workshops

#### OVERVIEW AND QUALIFICATIONS & PREREQUISITES, POLICIES, REQUIREMENTS

*Technical training (Open Circuit Only) (Course / Workshop Fees includes NITS Fee)*

### Technical Diver Courses

#### Introduction to Technical Diving (Diver) \$900.00

*Back mount & Side mount*

#### OVERVIEW AND QUALIFICATIONS

This course is designed to give the diver an opportunity to improve their skills, knowledge, and equipment configuration, thereby increasing their safety and efficiency. This course is also intended to introduce divers to the discipline of technical diver training.

Graduates are considered competent to enter into a NAUI technical diver course as long as all prerequisites are met. This course gives a recreational diver the ability to increase their confidence and skills while remaining within no decompression limits, and by utilizing streamlined and efficient equipment configurations. Graduates will have an increased skill set awareness and responsibility. Additional goals of the course are improving non-technical skills and techniques and building diver confidence.

#### PREREQUISITES

- Age. Minimum is 15 years by the water phase of the course
- Certification/Experience/Knowledge.
  - NAUI EANx Diver or equivalent.
  - NAUI Advanced Open Water Scuba Diver or equivalent
  - Proof of at least 25 logged dives with 10 dives on EANx.
  - The instructor is to ensure adequate student knowledge and capability before any open water training and shall use skill or other evaluations to do so. One open water dive (which does not count toward the minimum number of dives required for the course) may be used as a screening and evaluation dive. This is not required when the student's diving proficiencies are well known to the instructor.

#### POLICIES

- Ratios.
  - A maximum of four students per active-status NAUI Instructor is allowed in open water.
  - The use of assistants (NAUI Technical Support Leaders) with specific technical diving experience is strongly recommended and will increase the student-to-instructor ratio to six students per active-status NAUI Instructor.
- Academics (estimated hours). Five hours.

- Practical Application.
  - MINIMUM REQUIRED DIVES.
    - The minimum number of open water dives is four.
    - No dives are to be in an overhead environment.
  - DEPTH.
    - No dives are to exceed 18m (60 ft.) until the NAUI Technical Diver skills checklist has been completed.
    - No dive is to exceed 40m (130 ft.) in depth.
    - No dives are to require actual staged decompression. However, simulated staged decompression may be added to the ascent of a no required- stop dive.
- Equipment. The following equipment is required for each student in addition to that required in “Policies Applying to All Technical Diver Training Courses.”

## **REQUIREMENTS – ACADEMIC**

- Applied Sciences
  - Decompression theory
  - Decompression tables
  - Maladies associated with diving and increased risks of decompression diving
  - Nitrogen narcosis
  - Thermal aspects of technical diving
  - Breathing gas calculations
  - Psychological aspects of technical diving
- Technical Diving Equipment
  - Selecting and configuring diving equipment for staged decompression
  - NTEC
  - Equipment configurations being used and alternative configurations they may encounter
- Decompression Procedures
  - Conducting a decompression dive
  - Oxygen breaks
  - Decompression systems
  - Methods (Drift, Line etc.)
  - Equipment
  - Safety
  - Introduction to support team operations
- Dive Planning
  - Utilize the ODIGTML Dive Planning format by addressing each of the elements.
    - Oxygen
    - Decompression
    - Inert Gas Narcosis
    - Gas Management
    - Thermal
    - Mission
    - Logistics

## **REQUIREMENTS – SKILLS**

This is an introduction of the skills demonstrated in NAUI technical diver courses. Focus is to be on the diver's proper buoyancy and trim. Propulsion techniques are introduced, including frog kick, modified flutter kick, helicopter turns, and back-downs.

- Breathing gas analysis
- Pre-dive equipment inspection
- Dive planning
- Safely execute each dive
- Each diver is to demonstrate:
  - Switching and isolating a malfunctioning regulator at a depth of 10m (33 ft.) or less.
  - Out-of-air sharing through a simulated restriction
  - Underwater navigation appropriate to the dive plan
  - Deployment of a surface marker and upline.
  - Proper buoyancy and trim throughout the dive
  - Hover without sculling for 5 minutes.
  - Introduction to single stage bottle rigging and handling
  - Each diver will participate in emergency and diver rescue simulations to include:
    - Management of a diver experiencing oxygen toxicity underwater.
    - Out-of-gas scenario.
    - Unconscious diver

## **Cave 1 Diver Course - \$2200.00**

### **OVERVIEW AND QUALIFICATIONS**

This course is to provide the diver with the skills and knowledge needed to gain experience and minimize risks while conducting limited-penetration, simple navigation cave dives that do not exceed 30m (100 ft.) in depth and are within the 10-minute decompression limit.

Upon successful completion of this course, graduates are considered competent to plan and execute limited penetration, simple navigation cave dives that are within the 10-minute decompression limit without direct supervision, provided the diving environment, activities, areas dived, and equipment approximate those of training.

### **PREREQUISITES**

- Age. Minimum is 18 years for enrollment.
- Certification/Experience/Knowledge.
  - NAUI Introduction to Technical Diving or equivalent certification.
  - Proof of at least 75 logged dives.
  - The instructor is to ensure adequate student knowledge and capability before any overhead training and shall use a skill evaluation a dive to do so. One open water dive (which does not count toward the minimum number of dives required for the course) may be used as a

screening and evaluation dive. This is not required when the student's diving proficiencies are well known to the instructor.

## **POLICIES**

- Ratios.
  - A maximum of three students per active-status NAUI Cave Instructor is allowed.
  - The use of one active-status NAUI Cave Guide with relevant cave diving experience is permitted, but they do not increase or count against the student-to-instructor ratio.
- Academics (estimated hours). 12 hours.
- Practical Application.
  - MINIMUM REQUIRED DIVES.
    - The minimum number of overhead dives is nine.
    - One Open water dive
    - Two cavern dives.
    - Seven cave dives.
    - Dives are to be conducted in at least three different caves.
    - For a total of 300 minutes of overhead time
- LIMITATIONS.
  - The student must satisfactorily demonstrate equipment configuration and management during an assessment dive and complete the NAUI Cave Diver skills checklist.
  - Penetration beyond the cavern zone is not allowed until the student has demonstrated proper buoyancy control and trim while deploying a reel and managing a primary light.
  - There must be a continuous guideline to the open water when diving in a cavern or cave.
  - All dives into an overhead environment must utilize the Rule of Thirds at a minimum
  - Any dive must be turned, and the exit initiated when any piece of life support equipment fails
  - Complex navigation with more than one navigational decision is not allowed.
  - At no time will passage be allowed through a restriction that requires gear removal
  - No dive should exceed 10 minutes of planned decompression.
  - If limited decompression is planned each diver must carry one decompression cylinder, properly rigged, and labeled, to an appropriate location for decompression.
  - Diver and instructor must be qualified in the gas selected for use.
  - NO Dive Propulsion Vehicles (DPV)
- DEPTH.
  - The maximum depth in this course shall not exceed 30m (100 ft.).
  - Equipment. For purposes of safety, uniformity of instruction, and functionality, instructor and students are required to utilize, at a minimum, the NTEC gear configuration required for a Cave I diver. The following equipment is required in addition to that required by "Policies Applying to All Technical Diver Training Courses."
  - Three directional markers and two non-directional markers.
  - Dive knife/tool or line-cutting device
  - If limited decompression is planned, one properly rigged and labeled decompression stage cylinder.

- Diver and instructor must be qualified in the gas selected for use.
- Two regulator systems appropriate for the breathing gases utilized.
- Redundant underwater lights – minimum of three: one primary and two backups
- One primary penetration reel per team with a length appropriate to the site being dived.
- One safety reel or spool per diver.
- Jump/gap reels or spools as required.
- Additional equipment as required by instructor.
- Spare mask
- Slate or communication equipment

**REQUIREMENTS – ACADEMIC** (Remediation of specific subject knowledge as needed.)

- Dive Planning
- Utilize the ODIGTML Dive Planning format by addressing each of the elements.
- Oxygen
- Decompression
- Inert Gas Narcosis
- Gas Management
- Thermal
- Mission
- Logistics
- Landowner relations
- Conservation
- Course Limitations
- Rule of thirds
- Dissimilar Gas Volumes
- Accident analysis
- Cave formation and terminology
- Environmental Hazards
- Cave diving equipment- NTEC
- Psychological aspects of cave diving
- Limited decompression dive planning and management
- Propulsion techniques
- Guidelines
- Cave navigation
- Communications
- Problem solving and emergencies.
- Use of maps for dive planning

**REQUIREMENTS – SKILLS:** All skills must be completed while maintaining appropriate buoyancy and trim.

- If EANx is used, students are to analyze their own breathing gas mixture and plan and safely execute each dive.
- Dive planning shall include limits for gas consumption following the rule of thirds, oxygen toxicity exposures, inert gas absorption based on depth and time within the 10-minute

decompression limit, penetration distance within cave diver limits, personal dive computer, and diver comfort.

- Safety drills are to be performed at the beginning of every dive to include equipment check, dive plan and limitation review, bubble check, and gas sharing.
- During land drills, each student must:
  - Demonstrate proficiency in the use of spools and reels while handling a light.
  - Demonstrate team and line placement procedures.
  - Demonstrate safety spool/reel deployment for lost diver and lost line procedures.
  - Demonstrate jump/gap reel or spool deployment with navigational aids.
  - Demonstrate zero visibility air sharing.
  - Demonstrate zero visibility/touch contact communications while following a line.
  - Participate in broken / cut line drills.
  - Participate in entanglement drills.
- In open water each student must:
  - Demonstrate following a guideline with touch contact communications while sharing gas and simulating zero
  - visibility.
  - Demonstrate comfort while following a line without a mask or a blackout mask.
  - Demonstrate proper horizontal buoyancy control and trim while hovering without propulsion.
  - Demonstrate the ability to propel backward for 3m (10 ft.)
  - Demonstrate the ability to turn 360 degrees in a stationary horizontal position.
  - Demonstrate a proficiency with emergency gas management procedures (equipment dependent)
  - Demonstrate rescue of a diver simulating oxygen toxicity (see skills check list)
- In the cavern zone, each student must:
  - Demonstrate guideline deployment and removal techniques including team position, responsibilities, and roles.
  - Demonstrate environmentally appropriate modified frog, modified flutter, and pull and glide propulsion techniques.
  - Demonstrate a simulated primary light failure, deployment of a backup light, and exit within the dive team protocol (while maintaining proper buoyancy and trim).
  - In the cave each student must:
    - Demonstrate the ability to install a jump/gap reel or spool with the proper navigational indicators.
    - Share gas with a simulated out-of-gas teammate and swim a distance of at least 30m (100 ft.) while maintaining proper buoyancy and trim.
    - Simulate a primary light failure and proper deployment of a backup light while maintaining proper buoyancy and trim.
    - In a simulated zero-visibility situation, with a simulated out-of-gas teammate, maintain touch-contact communications and swim a distance of 30m (100 ft.) while maintaining contact with the guideline.
    - Demonstrate proper performance of a lost teammate drill, and proper procedure for a lost line drill.

- REQUIREMENTS – EXAMS
- See “Policies Applying to All Courses: Evaluation and Documentation.”

## **Cave 2 Diver Course - \$2200.00**

### **OVERVIEW AND QUALIFICATIONS**

This course is to provide the diver with the skills and knowledge needed to gain experience and minimize risks while conducting limited-penetration, simple navigation cave dives that do not exceed 30m (100 ft.) in depth and are within the 10-minute decompression limit.

Upon successful completion of this course, graduates are considered competent to plan and execute limited penetration, simple navigation cave dives that are within the 10-minute decompression limit without direct supervision, provided the diving environment, activities, areas dived, and equipment approximate those of training.

### **PREREQUISITES**

- Age. Minimum is 18 years by the water phase of the course.
- Certification/Experience/Knowledge.
  - NAUI Cave Diver Level I or NAUI Mine Diver Level I or equivalent.
  - Proof of at least 100 logged dives, with at least 20 logged overhead dives after certification.
  - The instructor is to ensure adequate student knowledge and capability before any open water training and shall use skill or other evaluations to do so. One open water dive (which does not count toward the minimum number of dives required for the course) may be used as a screening and evaluation dive. This is not required when the student’s diving proficiencies are well known to the instructor.

### **POLICIES**

- Ratios.
  - A maximum of three students per active-status NAUI Cave Level II Instructor is allowed.
  - The use of one active-status Technical Support Leader (NAUI Cave Guide) with relevant cave diving experience is permitted, but they do not increase or count against the student-to-instructor ratio.
- Academics (estimated hours). 15 hours.
- Practical Application.
  - MINIMUM REQUIRED DIVES.
    - The minimum number of overhead dives is eight.
      - One cavern survey dive/skills dive
      - Seven cave dives using stage cylinders.
      - Cumulative 360 minutes of overhead time
- LIMITATIONS.

- The student must satisfactorily demonstrate equipment configuration and management during an
- assessment dive and complete the NAUI Cave Diver Level II skills checklist.
- Penetration into a cave is not allowed until students have demonstrated proper buoyancy control and trim while managing their stage/decompression cylinder(s).
- There must be a continuous guideline to the open water when diving in a cavern or cave.
- All dives into an overhead environment must utilize the Rule of Thirds at a minimum
- Any training dive must be turned, and the exit initiated when any piece of life support equipment fails.
- During 4 of the required dives each diver will carry one staged bottom-gas cylinder properly rigged and labeled for part of the dive.
- Each diver will carry a decompression cylinder, properly rigged, and labeled, to an appropriate location for decompression.
- At no time will passage be allowed through a restriction that requires equipment removal.
- DEPTH.
  - The maximum depth on any dive shall not exceed 40m (130 ft.).
- Equipment. For purposes of safety, uniformity of instruction, and functionality, instructor and students are required to utilize at a minimum, the NTEC gear configuration required for a cave diver. The following equipment is required in addition to that required by NAUI Cave Diver Level I:
  - Jump/gap reels or spools as required.
  - Compass and writing implement appropriate for survey data as required by the dive.
  - Bottom-gas stage cylinder properly rigged and labeled.
  - Decompression cylinder properly rigged and labeled.
  - Additional student diver equipment as required by the instructor.

**REQUIREMENTS – ACADEMIC** (Remediation of specific subject knowledge as needed.)

- Dive Planning
  - Utilize the ODIGTML Dive Planning format by addressing each of the elements.
    - Oxygen
    - Decompression
    - Inert Gas
    - Gas Management
    - Thermal
    - Mission
      - Complex Dive Planning
  - Logistics
- Topics beyond Cave Diver Level I
  - Complex cave navigation
    - Circuits and traverses
    - Multiple Guidelines
  - Stage Cylinders
  - Extended decompression cave diving
    - Oxygen breaks

- Emergency planning
- Basic cave survey/Research task techniques
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**REQUIREMENTS – SKILLS** All skills must be completed while maintaining appropriate Buoyancy & Trim

- If EANx is used, the students are to analyze their own breathing gas mixtures and to plan and safely execute each dive.
- Dive planning shall include limits for gas consumption following the rule of thirds, depth and time based on oxygen exposure limits and decompression requirements, penetration distance, and diver comfort.
- Safety drills are to be performed at the beginning of every dive to include an equipment check, bubble check, modified gas sharing drill, dive plan and limitation review.
- Each student will demonstrate the ability to calculate starting gas volume and time requirements to reach a predefined point in a cave based on depth, distance, and swim speed.
- During land drills each student must:
  - Demonstrate basic cave survey techniques.
  - Cut/Broken line drill.
- In open water each student must:
  - Demonstrate the ability to control and manipulate two stage cylinders without the loss of buoyancy control or trim while.
    - Hovering horizontally with the proper body position.
    - Rotating 360 degrees in a stationary horizontal position.
    - Backing up for 3m (10 ft)
    - Parking and attaching to a line and recovering a stage cylinder.
    - Demonstrate a proficiency with emergency gas management procedures (equipment dependent)
    - Perform a rescue of a diver simulating oxygen toxicity.
- In a cavern each student must:
  - Survey a cavern zone and create a map of that cavern or conduct a simulated research task.
  - In the cave each student must:
    - Recall and discuss distance traveled, gas consumption, and actual dive time at the turn and upon reaching the first required stop on every cave dive.
    - Demonstrate the ability to install a jump/gap reel or spool with the proper navigational indicators while hovering horizontal with the proper body position.
    - Staging a cylinder on a line without the loss of buoyancy control or trim
    - Recover a stage cylinder from a line and attach to the harness without the loss of buoyancy control or trim.
    - Share gas with a simulated out-of-gas teammate and swim a distance of at least 61m (200 ft.) while maintaining proper buoyancy and trim during an exit.
    - Simulate a primary light failure and proper deployment of backup light while maintaining proper buoyancy and trim.
    - In a simulated zero-visibility situation, with a simulated out-of- gas teammate, maintain touch-contact communications and swim a distance of at least 60m (200 ft) while maintaining contact with the guideline.

- Lost line drill
  - Lost buddy drill
- See “Policies Applying to All Courses: Evaluation and Documentation.”

## **Recreational Diver Propulsion Vehicle (DPV) Diver - \$400.00**

*Scooter Rental Not Included*

### **OVERVIEW AND QUALIFICATIONS**

This course is a continuing education course designed to provide the diver with the introductory skills and knowledge needed to gain experience and minimize risks while conducting dives with a DPV in open water. The prospective student should have excellent buoyancy, navigation, and awareness skills because of the rapid changes in dynamics of a DPV dive. The course covers basic principles and skills to conduct basic DPV dives.

Upon successful completion of this course, graduates are considered competent to plan and execute DPV dives, without direct supervision, provided the diving environment, activities, areas dived, and equipment approximate those of training.

### **PREQUISITES**

- Age. Minimum is 15 years by the water phase of the course.
- Certification/Experience/Knowledge. NAUI Advanced Open Water Scuba Diver certification or equivalent is required.
- 25 logged dives
- The instructor is to ensure adequate student knowledge and capability before any open water training and shall use skill or other evaluations to do so. One open water dive (which does not count toward the minimum number of dives required for the course) may be used as a screening and evaluation dive. This is not required when the student's diving proficiencies are well known to the instructor.
- Equipment. Students shall furnish and be responsible for the care and maintenance of their own diving equipment. The instructor shall initially assist the student in checking all student gear to ensure it is adequate and in proper working order.

### **POLICIES**

- Ratios. 2 students to instructor (2:1) ratio for open water dives utilizing a DPV. Each diver is to be in control of their own DPV.
- Academics (estimated hours). 4 hours.
- Practical Application
  - MINIMUM REQUIRED HOURS
    - 6 hours – MINIMUM REQUIRED DIVES
  - The minimum number of open water dives is four. –
- DEPTH

- Maximum depth is 18m (60 ft.). No dives are to require staged decompression. However, simulated staged decompression may be added to the ascent of a no-required-stop dive. Any simulated decompression time spent deeper than 7.6m (25 ft.) must be included in the actual dive time.
- Equipment. See “Policies Applying to All Courses: Equipment.”
  - Students shall furnish and be responsible for the care and maintenance of their own diving equipment. The instructor shall initially assist the student in checking all student gear to ensure it is adequate and in proper working order. A crotch strap with a D-ring may be required depending on the type of DPV used. If the DPV is attached to the diver, there must be a quick-release mechanism so the DPV can be released in the event of a runaway DPV.

#### **REQUIREMENTS - ACADEMIC**

- Coverage is to include proper equipment configuration, DPV components, necessity of a DPV, types of DPV, proper riding configuration, leash types and requirements, level of required awareness, importance of streamlining, when and how to tow and tow straps, towing a surface marker, troubleshooting problems, handling a runaway DPV, post dive care, proper dive planning, emergencies, and navigation techniques to be used.

#### **REQUIREMENTS - SKILLS**

Training is to include the following skill sets:

- Demonstrate proper water entries
- Demonstrate right and left turns
- Demonstrate descending/ascending techniques
- Demonstrate swimming an inoperable DPV
- Demonstrate towing an inoperable DPV
- Demonstrate proper gas management
- Demonstrate gas sharing while towing and being towed
- Demonstrate controlled crashes and runaway DPV handling
- Demonstrate management of a free-flowing regulator
- Demonstrate awareness of environment / local conditions
- Demonstrate navigation skills and compass use
- Deploy a surface marker buoy
- Demonstrate good buoyancy control and DPV control during safety stops

#### **REQUIREMENTS- EXAMS**

See “Policies Applying to All Courses: Evaluation and Documentation.”

## **Technical Overhead Diver Propulsion Vehicle Diver - \$800.00**

*Scooter Rental Not Included*

#### **OVERVIEW AND QUALIFICATIONS**

This course is to provide the diver with the skills and knowledge needed to gain experience and minimize risks while conducting dives with a Diver Propulsion Vehicle (DPV) in a technical overhead environment; i.e. open water decompression, cave or mine. The course covers basic principles and skills to conduct technical DPV

dives. Upon successful completion of this course, graduates are considered competent to plan and execute DPV dives without direct supervision, provided the diving environment, activities, areas dived, and equipment approximate those of training.

## PREREQUISITES

- Age. Minimum is 18 years by the water phase of the course.
- Certification/Experience/Knowledge.
  - NAUI Recreational DPV Diver certification or equivalent.
  - NAUI Cave II, or Mine II, or Technical Decompression Diver certification or equivalent.
  - Proof of at least 50 logged dives or 100 hours in the chosen training environment
  - The instructor is to ensure adequate student knowledge and capability before any water training and may use overhead environment skill evaluation dives to do so. One overhead environment dive without a DPV (which does not count toward the minimum number of dives required for the course) may be used as a screening and evaluation dive. This is not required when the student's diving proficiency is well known to the instructor.

## POLICIES

- Ratios.
  - A maximum of two students per active-status NAUI Technical Overhead DPV Instructor
- Academics (estimated hours). Four hours.
- Practical Application.
  - MINIMUM REQUIRED DIVES.
    - The minimum number of Technical DPV dives is four.
      - Dives one and two must be in the environment chosen for certification, i.e. decompression dives in open water, cave or mine and may not exceed 40m (130 ft.) and must be conducted within no decompression limits of the gases used. Simulated decompression is to be conducted on these dives.
      - Dives three and four must be in the environment chosen for certification, i.e. decompression dives in open water, cave or mine and may not exceed the maximum training depth of that environment.
- DEPTH.
  - No dive is to exceed
    - 40m (130 ft.) in the cave or mine environment
    - 61m (200 ft.) on a decompression dive in open water
- Equipment. The following equipment is required for each student in addition to that required by "Policies Applying to All Technical Diver Training Courses."
  - Exposure protection is appropriate for the conditions.
  - The DPV must be approved by the instructor.
  - The instructor must have experience with the DPV being used by the student.

**REQUIREMENTS – ACADEMIC** (Remediation of specific subject knowledge as needed.)

- DPV purposes and types (ride-behind, ride-on-top)
- DPV components
- Riding configurations
- Parking and retrieving a DPV
- Positioning
- Buoyancy
- Streamlining
- Towing
- Operating
- Maneuvering
  - Cornering
  - Propeller wash
- Entanglements
- Dealing with flow/currents
- Utilize the ODIGTML Dive Planning format by addressing each of the elements.
  - Oxygen
  - Decompression
  - Inert Gas
  - Gas Management
  - Thermal
  - Mission
    - Distance
    - Suitability of environment
- Logistics
  - Battery Burn Time
- Emergency planning
  - Loss of gas and gas sharing
  - Loss of vehicle and towing
  - Loss of teammate
  - Collisions
  - Runaway DPV

## **REQUIREMENTS – SKILLS**

- Breathing gas analysis
- Pre-dive equipment inspection
- Dive planning—including team planning
- Safely execute each dive
- In open water each student must demonstrate:
  - Water entries
  - Effective communication
  - Right and left turns
  - Descending/ascending techniques

- Swimming an inoperable DPV
- Towing an inoperable DPV
- Gas sharing while towing
- Gas sharing side by side
- Buoyancy control
- Simulated crashes and runaway DPV handling
- Variable speed flight
- Awareness of depth, time, and location.
- Navigation skill and if appropriate compass use.
- Deployment of a surface marker buoy if appropriate
  - Buoyancy control and DPV control during decompression stops.
  - Control of all equipment, buoyancy, and trim while:
    - Attaching a stage cylinder
    - Attaching a second stage cylinder
- While carrying stage cylinder(s):
  - Left and right-hand turns
  - Controlling propeller wash during up slope and down slope depth changes
  - Deploying a surface marker buoy if appropriate
  - Swimming an inoperable DPV
  - DPV operation while towing an inoperable DPV
  - Towing a teammate with an inoperable DPV
  - Gas sharing while towing a teammate
  - Gas sharing while riding a DPV side by side
  - Simulated crashes and runaway DPV handling.
  - Situational awareness
  - Good buoyancy, trim, and DPV control while conducting stops during an ascent.

## **REQUIREMENTS – EXAMS**

See “Policies Applying to All Courses: Evaluation and Documentation.”

## **Technical Leadership Workshops**

### **Cave Guide – (\$1500.00)**

#### **OVERVIEW AND QUALIFICATIONS**

This course is designed to train knowledgeable NAUI Instructors, Divemasters, and Assistant Instructors who are also Cave level II divers to act as part of a support team for Cave/Cavern diving, training activities and guiding Cave/Cavern dives in the physical overhead environment to the level to which the Cave guide is certified.

Upon successful completion of this course, graduates are considered competent to plan and execute guided dives in portions of a cavern or cave in which they have completed at least 25 previous dives and are qualified

to provide assistance to teams of Cave/Cavern divers, assist during training or post certification diving activities, and guide Cave/Cavern dives provided diving conditions and methods approximate those in which the Cave Guide was trained. These duties may possibly include shuttling of equipment, removal and replacement of staged decompression gases and equipment, rigging and setting up of decompression stations and gases, monitoring divers during ascent and staged decompression stops, and assisting with emergency evacuation. An active-status NAUI Cave Guide is qualified to assist an active-status NAUI Technical Instructor in Cave/Cavern diving instruction.

## **PREREQUISITES**

- Age. Minimum is 18 years by the water phase of the course. Certification/Experience/Knowledge.
  - Active-status NAUI Assistant Instructor, Divemaster, Instructor
  - NAUI Cave Level II Diver or equivalent
  - Proof of at least 100 logged cave dives and 80 hours of overhead time after NAUI Cave II or equivalent
  - The instructor is to ensure adequate student knowledge and capability before any open water training and shall use skill or other evaluations to do so. One open water dive (which does not count toward the minimum number of dives required for the course) may be used as a screening and evaluation dive. This is not required when the student's diving proficiencies are well known to the instructor.

## **POLICIES**

- Ratios.
  - A maximum of two students per active-status NAUI Instructor is allowed.
  - The use of one active-status Cave Guide with relevant diving experience is permitted, but they do not increase or count against the student-to-instructor ratio.
- Academics (estimated hours). Five hours.
- Practical Application.
  - MINIMUM REQUIRED DIVES.
    - The minimum number of dives is four.
      - one cavern guide dive.
      - three cave guide dives.
      - At least two dives must require complex navigation.
      - At least one dive must require stage bottle use.
- LIMITATIONS.
  - Must be qualified at the level or higher with respect to gas mixes, equipment configurations being used, and dives being conducted.
  - There must be a continuous guideline to open water when in a cavern or cave.
  - All dives into an overhead environment must utilize the Rule of Thirds at a minimum
  - Complex navigation with more than four navigational decisions is not allowed.
- DEPTH.
  - The maximum depth shall not exceed the students' level of cave diver training.

- Equipment. For purposes of safety, uniformity of instruction, and functionality, instructor and students are required to utilize at a minimum, the NTEC gear configuration required for a cave diver. The following equipment is required in addition to that required by NAUI Cave Diver Level I:
  - Jump/gap reels or spools as required.
  - Slate and writing implement
  - Bottom-gas stage cylinder properly rigged and labeled.
  - Decompression cylinder properly rigged and labeled.
  - Additional student diver equipment as required by the Instructor.

**REQUIREMENTS – ACADEMIC** (Remediation of specific subject knowledge as needed.)

Coverage is to include: The NAUI guiding policies, the guiding process, types of guided dives, accident analysis, diving limitations including the rule of thirds with multiple dissimilar cylinder sizes, NTEC as it relates to divers being guided, factors associated with task loading, stress, perceptual narrowing, and panic for guided divers, guideline

recognition factors for guided dives, team communication procedures, problem solving and emergency planning for guided dives, limitations for cave navigation with multiple guidelines, single file passage.

**REQUIREMENTS – SKILLS**

- Students are to analyze their own breathing gas mixture (if breathing EANx) and plan and safely execute each dive.
  - Dive planning shall include limits for: team gas consumption following the rule of thirds and for decompression stops if required, oxygen toxicity exposures and time limitations, inert gas absorption based on depth and time, and required decompression if necessary, penetration distance within diver limits, diver comfort.
- Safety drills are to be performed at the beginning of every dive to include: equipment check, dive plan and limitation review, bubble check, and gas sharing.
- During land drills each student must:
  - Demonstrate team placement procedures.
  - Demonstrate team process for lost diver and lost line procedures.
  - Demonstrate team conduct for zero visibility/touch contact communications while following a line.
  - Demonstrate the use of general navigational markings.
  - Demonstrate jump/gap reel or spool deployment with navigational aids.
- In open water each student must:
  - Demonstrate appropriate guideline following, with touch contact communications while sharing gas and simulating zero visibility.
  - Demonstrate proper horizontal buoyancy control and trim while hovering without propulsion.
  - Demonstrate the ability to propel backward for 3m (10 ft.).
  - Demonstrate the ability to turn 360 degrees in a stationary horizontal position.
  - Demonstrate a simulated primary regulator failure, isolation, shutdown, and switchover procedure within 15 seconds.
  - Demonstrate a rescue of a diver simulating oxygen toxicity symptoms.
- In the cavern each student must:

- Demonstrate guideline deployment and removal techniques including team position responsibilities and roles.
- Demonstrate a simulated primary light failure, deployment of a backup light, and exit within the dive team protocol (while maintaining proper buoyancy and trim).
- Demonstrate the proper team procedure of a lost teammate drill.
- Demonstrate the proper team procedure for a lost line drill.
- In the cave each student must:
  - Demonstrate the ability to install a jump/gap reel or spool with the proper navigational indicators.
  - In a simulated zero visibility situation, with a simulated out-of-gas teammate, maintain touch contact communications for 30m (100 ft.) while maintaining proper buoyancy and trim.

## **REQUIREMENTS – EXAMS**

See “Policies Applying to All Courses: Evaluation and Documentation.

## **Technical Instructor Workshop \$2200.00**

**Authorization - Introduction to Technical Diving**

**Authorization - Technical Decompression Diver**

**Authorization - Cave 1 Diver**

**Authorization - Cave 2 Diver**

## **OVERVIEW AND QUALIFICATIONS**

This is the Instructor certification course for individuals wishing to learn the fundamentals of teaching Technical diving for the purpose of increasing Technical Diver underwater awareness, knowledge, and skill level. The objective of this course is to train individuals in instructional skills and in the benefits, hazards, and proper procedures for Technical

Diver instruction in specific technical diving disciplines to a depth of 100m (330ft.). The Technical Instructor certification is a formal NAUI leadership designation and not a membership classification. The NAUI Technical Instructor certification provides recognition to NAUI Instructors who have completed a combination of training and evaluated experience specific to the preparing, training, evaluating and counseling of specific NAUI Technical Diver candidates. Upon successful completion of this course, graduates may engage in teaching specific NAUI Technical Diver courses, without supervision.

To maintain active status, Technical Instructors must teach one course every 24 months. If this time has elapsed, they must team teach with an active Technical Instructor Examiner (TIE) or attend a Technical Diver Instructor Workshop.

## **PREREQUISITES**

- Minimum age of 21 years.
- Certified as a NAUI Instructor
- Be in good medical and physical condition
- Have above average swimming skills (as per NAUI Water Skills Evaluation).

- Current certification of NAUI DFA certification (or equivalent)
  - Unless otherwise prohibited by law or legal code.
- Have current certifications and appropriate experience in the specific technical area for which the instructor designation is being sought.
- Equipment. Candidates shall furnish and be responsible for the care and maintenance of their own technical diving equipment. The instructor shall initially assist candidates in checking all their gear to ensure it is adequate and meets all course requirements. Technical Equipment configuration should follow NAUI Technical Equipment Configuration (NTEC).
- Materials. Contact the NAUI Training Department for current requirements.

## **POLICIES**

- Academics (estimated hours). 12 hours.
- Practical Application.
  - MINIMUM REQUIRED HOURS.
    - 15 hours. –
  - DEPTH.
    - No deeper 101m (330ft.). This is specific designation and course dependent.
- Equipment. See “Policies Applying to All Courses: Equipment.”
- Materials. See “Policies Applying to All Courses: Forms, Records and Reports.”

## **STUDENT-INSTRUCTOR RATIOS**

- Classroom:
  - Unlimited, so long as adequate facilities, supplies and time are provided to insure comprehensive and complete training.
- Confined water: – Maximum of two students to one instructor trainer (2:1).
- Open Water:
  - Maximum of two students to one instructor trainer (2:1).
- Depth Restrictions
  - Course dependent: maximum open water depth of 100m (330 ft.).
- Graduates Must:
  - Attend and assist in all classroom, confined water, and open water sessions
  - Earn a score of 85% or higher on all written exams
  - Present at least one academic, one confined water, and one open water teaching presentation
    - earning scores of 3.0 or higher on each
- Pass a rescue evaluation
  - Show mastery of confined water and open water skill demonstrations IAW NAUI Technical Diver Skills List.
- Demonstrate organizational skills with regard to site set-up and break-down
- Demonstrate safe, professional and responsible diving practices and attitude

## **REQUIREMENTS**

Successfully complete a NAUI Technical Instructor Workshop. Return a Technical Instructor Application to NAUI Worldwide Headquarters. Authorization to conduct the courses listed in “OVERVIEW AND QUALIFICATIONS” is automatic upon receipt of the letter and payment of all required fees.

### **REQUIREMENTS – ACADEMIC**

See Technical Instructor Workshop Guidelines.

### **REQUIREMENTS – SKILLS**

See Technical Instructor Workshop Guidelines.

### **REQUIREMENTS – EXAMS**

See “Policies Applying to All Courses: Evaluation and Documentation.”

## **Technical Instructor Examiner Workshop \$2500.00**

**Authorization - Introduction to Technical Diving**

**Authorization - Technical Decompression Diver**

**Authorization - Cave 1 Diver**

**Authorization - Cave 2 Diver**

## **OVERVIEW AND QUALIFICATIONS**

The Technical Instructor Examiner (TIE) designation is a formal NAUI leadership designation, not a certification. The NAUI Technical Instructor Examiner designation provides recognition to NAUI Technical Instructors who have completed a combination of training and evaluated experience specific to the preparing, training, evaluating and counseling of NAUI Technical Instructor candidates. Active-status NAUI Technical Instructors designated as Technical Instructor Examiners may direct the Technical Instructor Workshop when using NAUI support materials.

To maintain active status, TIE’s must teach one Technical Instructor course every 36 months. If this time has elapsed, they must team teach with an active TIE or repeat the application process.

## **PREREQUISITES**

- Age. Minimum is 21 years.
- Certification/Experience/Knowledge. Any active-status NAUI Technical Instructor who has successfully completed a NAUI Technical Examiner Workshop and the following activities:
  - Be certified as a NAUI Technical Instructor.
  - Minimum of 2 years of Technical teaching experience.
  - Trained and registered at least 50 NAUI Technical Divers.
  - Staff/participate in 3 NAUI Technical Instructor Workshops for at least 100 student contact hours. One Technical Instructor Crossover workshop may be counted toward this requirement. Conducting, staffing and evaluating experience gained at technical Instructor level courses before becoming a NAUI Technical Instructor Examiner is acceptable.

- Be a member in good standing for the year immediately preceding the Technical Instructor Examiner Workshop.
- Equipment.
  - Candidates shall furnish and be responsible for the care and maintenance of their own technical diving equipment. The instructor shall initially assist candidates in checking all their gear to ensure it is adequate and in proper working order.
- Materials. Contact the NAUI Training Department for current requirements.

## **POLICIES**

- Academics (estimated hours). 12 hours.
- Practical Application
  - MINIMUM REQUIRED HOURS.
    - 15 hours.
- DEPTH.
  - Course dependent: maximum 100 meters (330 fsw).
- Equipment. See “Policies Applying to All Technical Diving Courses: Equipment.”
- Materials. See “Policies Applying to All Technical Diving Courses: Forms, Records and Reports.”

## **REQUIREMENTS**

Successfully complete a NAUI Technical Examiner Workshop. Sign and forward a copy of the designated Technical Instructor Examiner Agreement letter to NAUI Worldwide Headquarters. Authorization to conduct the courses listed in “OVERVIEW AND QUALIFICATIONS” is automatic upon receipt of the letter.

### **REQUIREMENTS – ACADEMIC**

See Technical Examiner Workshop Guidelines.

### **REQUIREMENTS – SKILLS**

See Technical Examiner Workshop Guidelines.

### **REQUIREMENTS – EXAMS**

See “Policies Applying to All Courses: Evaluation and Documentation.”