

Since Lake Hydra (formally Dutch Springs) is about 1 hour 45 minutes' drive and our days start very early and they are very long days, driving back and forth is not recommended. You need to make some overnight arrangements. The Sonesta Hotel is our preferred choice. But there are plenty of other options near the Lehigh Valley International Airport (about 15 min from Dutch Springs).

There are campsites in the area but fill up fast. There are several Airbnb options out there too.

SONESTA SELECT - 2180 MOTEL DRIVE BETHLEHEM, PA 18018
(610) 317-6200 use option 0 and tell them you want Dutch Springs rates (discount) or use this link <https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=32560&Chain=5157&promo=DUTCH>
Courtyard Marriott Lehigh Valley • 2220 Emrick Blvd, Bethlehem, PA 18020 • (610) 625-5900
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/abebc-courtyard-bethlehem-lehigh-valley-i-78>

Payment Schedule

Training Dive Weekend fees are \$425.00 per person.
(Including tanks and rentals), for the 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

DAN (Diver's Alert Network) (919) 685-8111
Lake Hydra info@lakehydra.com
4733 Hanoverville Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020

Open Water Training Dive Weekend Guide



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

Congratulations!

You have just completed the first step toward your Open Water Certification. You will now take the skills you have 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. Lake Hydra recreation is a great place for training, and we enjoy setting up a fun BBQ picnic and relaxing between dives. 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. 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.

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 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 store with you so we can fit you with the proper weights (you need 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 \$25 per person for the whole weekend. We collect onsite. If you do NOT want to participate or have dietary requirements, please call the store.

4. YOU MUST BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE and it must be done at least 2 days prior to the weekend. Follow directions below and will give you a discounted price on the entrance tickets which is \$60 per day per diver.

*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.

1- Go to <https://lakehydra.com/>

2- Scroll down to the first box where it says, "Scuba Tickets" and click on "View Pricing"

3- At the bottom click "Have a promo ticket and coupon code?" This will open a new page

4- Type in the promo code "special"

4- Select your ticket(s) and hit continue, make sure you buy for both days

5- This should show the tickets & the online processing fee. Below those you will see "discount", type in "11000025" and it should take \$1.00 off. You need to enter that code for each day

6- Checkout

5. Please arrive 7:30am to queue up in your car, gates open 8:00 am promptly. Once you arrive drive through the gate and turn LEFT towards the training side. You will see our van and/or trailer. You can unload your gear and then park nearby.

6. 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.

7. Book your overnight stay (see last page).

8. 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.

9. Last but certainly not least, please bring out your **LOG BOOKS** (new students your log book may be with your instructor) it is required to bring out your log books to log each individual dive.

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
- Mask, Fins & Snorkel
- Weight Belt (10% + 4lbs)
- Gloves
- Equipment Bag
- 2 Tanks*
- Log Book
- Compass*
- Mask defog

Personal Items:

- Extra Clothes
- Towel
- Swimsuit
- Blanket
- Sun Screen (environment friendly)
- Lawn Chair
- Insect Repellent
- Warm hat, jacket, gloves (Spring and Fall)

Advanced Open Water Students:

Same as Open Water plus:

- Knife
- Dive Light & Tank Light
- Reel
- Slates
- Whistle
- Certification Card
- Dive Computer*
- Tanks*
- SMB (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

* Included with rental package as part of your OW Course

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 \$99.00 (*which includes 1 tank*).

Dry Suit Options: Stay dry and warm! You can take advantage of this option for any of our classes including OW Training dives. Check with the store for more details.