

Pool Sessions

St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center
7701 Boca Ciega Dr.
St. Pete Beach, Fl. 33706

We have access to the facility after they have closed for the day so our classes are not interrupted by other users of the facility. The pool is heated / cooled to 82 degrees year round. There are changing rooms, bathrooms and showers available to use.

Lake Denton

790 Lake Denton Rd.
Avon Park, Fl 33825

Lake Denton is a 66 acre lake located in Highlands County Florida. The lake has a white, hard sandy bottom and reaches depths of 55 feet. For a lake in Florida, the water is fairly clear with around 20 - 25 feet of viz. Expect to see lots on bluegills, bream, large mouth bass and turtles. There are several sunken boats and statues for divers to find and explore. Lake Denton is a popular training site and instructors from all over Florida bring their students to this location.

Rainbow River

KP Hole Park
9435 SW 190th Ave. Rd.
Dunnellon Fl. 34432

Rainbow River is formed by a first magnitude spring, that is ranked fourth in the state for volume of water discharge. In addition to the main headwaters, there are numerous springs throughout the river coming from rock crevices and sand boils. The river is crystal clear and maintains a constant temperature of 72 degrees. Depth will vary from just a few feet to 23 feet of depth. The river is home to bass, Florida gar, bream, bluegills, otters, several species of turtles and water birds.

Why did we choose Lake Denton and Rainbow River as our training destinations?

Both locations are not adversely affected by weather, especially wind. No boat rides means no one is sea sick and we do not have to cancel dives and re-schedule due to weather (there are exceptions to this i.e. hurricanes or a tropical storm).

You are learning a whole new set of skills with SCUBA. At Lake Denton, there are no time constraints, we can take as much time as needed to make you feel comfortable in the water. Lake Denton can be described as big pool with fish. It has an easy entry with a gradual slope to depth. This gives us the opportunity to make adjustments to students gear such as proper weighting and gives the student time to work on equalizing their ears and learning proper buoyancy techniques. At Lake Denton, we will cover all of the skills for your SCUBA certification. The student can concentrate on their skills and not add the extra stress of a long boat ride, being rushed through skills and not given the time to actually SCUBA dive.

Rainbow River - it's beautiful, the water is crystal clear with lots of wildlife to see on your dives. Again, no offshore boat ride, just a gentle ride up the river on a pontoon boat. Once in the water we take our time and explore the many crevices, springs and wildlife on the river.

The biggest complaint we hear is "why do we drive so far with all of the water around us". It's simple, we want you to learn in a comfortable environment and master your skills to become a safe and competent diver. We've been doing this a long time and have found these sites to be excellent training locations.



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St. Petersburg, Fl. 33708
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SCUBA Lessons

SCUBA offers a lifetime of adventure, get started on your adventure with Jim's Dive Shop's Open Water Diver Course. At Jim's Dive Shop, your Open Water Diver Course consists of classroom, pool and open water instruction to master the skills necessary to earn your Open Water Diver Certification and make you a safe, competent and comfortable diver. ***Our goal is***

Open Water Diver Course - \$449.00 per person

The Open Water Diver Course includes; SCUBA Schools International online, interactive learning materials, class sessions, pool sessions, the open water certification dives, digital certification card, use of our tanks, regulators, buoyancy compensators and wetsuits.

Student must provide their own SCUBA quality mask, fins and snorkel.

Maximum class size is 8 participants. Based on group lesson schedules (posted below). Students responsible for their own transportation. Physical certification card available for an additional \$40.00.

Open Water Diver & Nitrox Course Bundle - \$499.00 per person

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Payment / Sign Up

A \$100 payment purchases your online course materials and secures your spot in an open water SCUBA course. We need a little information, (name, email, birthdate) to get your online portion registered. Your \$100 payment will be applied to the balance of your course fee. **Course must be paid in full before the open water checkout dives.**

REFUND / CANCELLATION POLICY

For cancellations more than 72 hours in advance of the first scheduled day of class, student may reschedule to a later class for no additional fee. For cancellations less than 72 hours in advance of the first scheduled class a \$100 rescheduling fee will be charged to move to a later scheduled class. In the event one needs to completely cancel their SCUBA course, monies paid towards the class less \$100 will be refunded (this \$100.00 is the online learning materials that we have purchased from SCUBA Schools International).

See back page for information on our training sites.

Prices effective 03/23/2026