

*National Marine Educators Association Conference 2009
Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, CA*

Dear NMEA Participant,

Thank you for registering for the Scuba Diving in Monterey Bay field trip on Friday, July 3! Monterey is a premier diving spot and you will undoubtedly be pleased by the beauty of its underwater world. Enclosed you will find the necessary paperwork required for your field trip as well as information regarding where to meet and what to bring. Please review all information before attending the field trip. Please note that due to the cold water and water conditions, diving in Monterey can be challenging and previous cold water dive experience is highly recommended. Additionally, you need to be a certified diver to participate in this field trip and **will need to present your Certification ("C") card prior to boarding the boat**. Divers who do not have their "C" card with them will not be permitted to dive. ***Please complete and submit the "SCUBA Participant Information" form and the Dive Central, Inc. waiver (last two pages of this packet) by June 25, 2009.*** There will also be a boat liability waiver to sign on the day of the field trip. Transportation will be provided to and from Asilomar Conference Grounds. Please meet in front of Phoebe Hearst Social Hall at 7:00 a.m. on July 3.

If you have not previously dove in Monterey, you're in for a real treat! These dives are sure to rank among your most memorable and beautiful dives logged. If you have any questions, please contact NMEA staff at nmea09@mbayaq.org with the name of your field trip in the subject line. Thank you for your participation!

Sincerely,

Genny Arredondo
SCUBA Field Trip Coordinator

Email: nmea09@mbayaq.org
Fax: (831) 647-4526, Attention: NMEA Field Trips- SCUBA

SCUBA FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

Get wet and take the plunge underneath the Monterey Bay to get a close up view of the creatures that live below the surface. Divers will explore the wonders of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The charter will include two dives at beautiful dive sites with a maximum depth of 60 ft or less. ***This trip is ideally suited for divers with cold water diving experience.*** Please note that participants will need to provide or rent their own SCUBA equipment. The trip includes a stop at a local dive shop to secure gear. Air tanks and fills will be provided. We will tailor the trip based on the ability level and experience of divers. The minimum age for participation is 18. Divers as young as 16 will be allowed with an adult dive buddy also registered.

Departure time: 7:00 a.m.
Phoebe Hearst Social Hall, Asilomar Conference Grounds
Please be on time! We need to leave at 7:15 a.m. promptly to ensure we have enough time for participants who need to rent gear to do so, as well as load the boat. If you plan on taking your own vehicle to the dive boat, please let us know so to ensure you know where and when to meet the boat.

Return time: By 2:00 p.m.
Phoebe Hearst Social Hall, Asilomar Conference Grounds

Equipment: The boat provides air tanks. You will need to bring all your own equipment or rent it (i.e. wetsuit, BC, regulator, weight belt, mask, snorkel, fins, etc.). For those folks that need to rent gear in Monterey, we will be stopping at a SCUBA rental shop prior to loading the boat. If there is something that you think you may have trouble fitting from rental gear, such as a mask, we suggest you bring your own, just in case.

Waivers: The "SCUBA Participant Information" form and the Dive Central, Inc. waiver must be submitted by **June 25, 2009**. You may email completed and signed forms to nmea09@mbayaq.org or fax to (831) 647-4526, Attention: NMEA Field Trips- SCUBA.

Food: A lunch-to-go, beverages and snacks will be provided. NMEA staff will pack coolers with lunches and load them prior to departure. We suggest bringing a water bottle so you have water readily accessible at all times.

Medication: If you are prone to seasickness, we recommend bringing along your seasickness medication or wristband. Although we will most likely be diving at protected sites, swell in Monterey varies day by day; the water could be rough and choppy or completely smooth.

Clothing: The water temperature in Monterey is chilly, ranging between 48-60 degrees. 7mm wetsuits, booties, hoods and gloves are appropriate and will help keep you warm. Dry suits may also be worn. We hope the weather is warm and sunny, but fog and cool weather is typical for summer in Monterey. Please be prepared for all weather conditions and remember to bring along sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and a jacket or sweatshirt.



SCUBA PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

June 29 – July 3, 2009

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

SCUBA CERTIFICATION LEVEL (please check applicable box below)

- Open water
- Advanced
- Rescue
- Divemaster
- Instructor

DIVE HISTORY

Lifetime dives: _____

Dives in last year: _____

Cold water dives: _____

Cold water dives in last year: _____

REQUESTS

Dive buddy needed: Yes No

Equipment rental needed: No Yes (please check equipment below)

- BC, size _____
- Wetsuit, size _____
- Booties, size _____
- Regulator
- Gloves, size _____
- Fins, size _____
- Hood (circle one below)
Sm Med Lg XL

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please List Any Dietary Restrictions (i.e. Vegetarian/Vegan/Allergies):

Please return this form and waiver via fax or email by June 25, 2009.
(831) 647-4526 or nmea09@mbayaq.org Attention: NMEA Field Trips- SCUBA

Dive Central, Inc.
Assumption of risk and release of Liability

I, _____(print name) am aware that either scuba diving or snorkeling about the Escapade is a hazardous activity which may result in serious bodily harm to myself, including death, and/or damage to my personal property, resulting from causes which may include, but are not limited to, failure of equipment, drowning, collision or entanglement with underwater objects, air expansion injuries, decompression sickness (bends), injuries while getting on or off the boat, being cut or struck by the boat or ladders while in the water, along with any other perils of the sea. By voluntarily signing this release, I certify that I am fully aware and expressly assume these and other risks and participate in this activity with full knowledge of the dangers involved to my property except as noted below.

I also agree to release Dive Central Inc., their employees and agents from any and all liability for my bodily harm, including death, and damage to or any loss of any personal property of mine, resulting from their active negligence as well as their passive negligence while I am a passenger on the Escapade or while embarking or disembarking thereon. It is my intention that this release extend to my executors, administrators or heirs in the event of my death.

This release of liability and assumption of risk does not exempt Dive Central Inc. their employees and agents for their own fraud or their willful injury to my person or my property or that of another or their violation of law whether such violation is willful or negligent.

I have carefully read this agreement and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and assumption of risk agreement between myself and Dive Central Inc., their employees and agents while I am a passenger on the Escapade or while embarking or disembarking thereon. I sign it of my own free will. There have been no oral, modifications made to this agreement prior to my execution.

Signature

Certification number and agency

Print Name

Date

Street Address

Emergency Phone#

City/State/Zip

Email Address