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Dive with us at Sand Dollar Resort Bonaire

Dates: February 6-14, 2010

Trip Price: \$1953 (cash/check)

Deposit: \$300 (cash/check), with balance due Dec. 1, 2009

Get another couple to join you and save \$239 per person for four people in a two bedroom condo

Trip Includes:

- ◇ *Roundtrip airfare from Omaha*
- ◇ *Seven nights lodging at SandDollar Resort in a studio unit w/ full kitchen (price based on double occupancy)*
- ◇ *Six days of 1-tank boat dives*
- ◇ *Six days of unlimited shore diving*
- ◇ *Tanks, weights*
- ◇ *Free unlimited nitrox*
- ◇ *Double cabin pickup truck w/ AC for the stay*
- ◇ *Taxes*
- ◇ *Trip Video*
- ◇ *Hotel in Atlanta on return trip*

Not Included:

- ◇ *Marine Park fee (\$25)*
- ◇ *Meals (add breakfast daily for \$87)*
- ◇ *Gratuities*



Oronogo Trip Report— October

Ten divers and four staff members spent a fun-filled weekend exploring the depths, wrecks, and other attractions at Blue Water Lake/Circle Mine, Oronogo, MO. During the weekend, 3 divers finished their open water certification, 4 divers completed the Advanced Adventure specialty, and several worked on other specialties. Join us again in April for this great trip!

Bonne Terre Mine—October

The third weekend in October we returned to dive Bonne Terre Mine. This trip was to be really special, as six people were guided to explore “The City” at the mine. “The City” is a collection of buildings, work-benches, maintenance facilities, and other structures that once served the miners. Typically, you have to complete all the guided trails at the mine (24 in total) before being able to dive this area, so it’s been a few years’ waiting to get this far...

We also were able to make a dive back to the hay mangers, where the mules that once worked the mine were fed and housed. According to our guide, we were the first divers in two years to dive the area. We made four dives to this little-visited area of the mine, and it was definitely worth the wait!

North Florida— November

Six divers headed down to the DEMA show in Orlando, FL last month. During the show, we talked to a lot of our vendors, and were able to see some of the new items coming out this season (not many new items out there this year, though). Afterwards, we spent four days exploring the springs, caverns and caves of North Florida, with Jim Grendell earning his Full Cave Diver certification—way to go, Jim! Unfortunately, a lady making a left turn against the light totaled our van...



Blue Hole— November

Three divers trekked to Santa Rosa, NM to dive the Blue Hole. The Blue Hole is an artesian spring, flowing at a rate of 3000 gpm. It has a max depth of 80 ft, and is a constant 61 degrees (much warmer than our local lakes this time of year!). The Blue Hole makes a great location for advanced training or just fun dives. We hope you can join us next October when we visit again.

Upcoming Courses and Local Trips

Equipment Specialty Course

January 23, 2010



We're offering the Equipment Specialty course on Saturday, January 23. This course is normally \$150, but sign up by December 31st and pay just \$95. The course is designed to take an in-depth look at dive gear. During the day, you'll learn about equipment function, maintenance, and general repairs. We'll go over tanks, regulators, masks, BCDs, wetsuits, and other accessories. The knowledge gained during this course may help save a dive when something small goes wrong. This course counts toward your Master Scuba Diver rating, too.

Advanced Trimix Course

Florida

January 1-8, 2010

We've contracted with Richard Dreher of Superior Dive Training to conduct an Advanced Trimix course in Florida this January. Ron and Brian will be earning their instructor ratings during the course, and there is room for 1-2 more students. Prerequisites include basic trimix and full cave certification, as the course will be taught in some of the deeper cave systems in Florida. Please call Brian at the store for more details on this course.



Bonne Terre Mine, MO

March 19-21, 2010

National Geographic calls Bonne Terre Mine one of the top ten adventures in the world. Come along with us and dive this billion gallon underground lake. Mined from the 1860's to the 1960's, this site is now filled in with 58°F ground water and sports 100 ft or better visibility. No training other than open water certification is required—much of the lake is an open water environment—the water just happens to be underground! In fact, you can even complete your open water certification dives at the mine—just ask us how.

We'll be leaving Lincoln at noon on the 19th, and we'll stay in Bonne Terre, which is about an hour south of St. Louis. We'll do three dives Saturday and one on Sunday before driving home. Cost of the trip is \$260 (cash/check) and includes 4 dives at the mine and tanks. You're welcome to ride down with us and split fuel cost. Each person will be responsible for their own hotel room, meals, and any equipment. Space is limited at the mine, so sign up early if you'd like to secure your spot on this adventure!



Dive With Us In 2010

Advanced Trimix Course, Florida Caves

January 1-8

Sand Dollar Resort, Bonaire

February 6-14

Bonne Terre Mine, MO

March 19-21

Oronogo, MO

April 23-25

Lake Wazee, WI

May 14-16

Sandy Channel Weekends

May 22-23

June 12-13

July 17-18

August 21-22

September 18-19

October 9-10

Bull Shoals, AR

June 25-27

Isle Royale, Lake Superior

July 22-27

Treasure Dive Weekend

August 14-15

Oronogo, MO

September 24-26

Blue Hole, Santa Rosa, NM

October 22-24



Heartland Scuba Advanced Diver Development—2010

Dates	Classes	Location
Any Time	Computer Nitrox Diver	Online & Dive Center
January 1-8	Advanced Trimix Diver	High Springs, FL
January 23	Equipment Specialist	Dive Center
February 6-14	Deep Diver Digital UW Photographer Advanced Adventure Diver Marine Ecosystems Awareness	Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles
April 23-25	Deep Diver Dry Suit Diver Wreck Diver Advanced Adventure Diver	Blue Water Lake Oronogo MO
May 14-16	Deep Diver Dry Suit Diver Intro to Tech	Lake Wazee Black River Falls WI
May 22-23	UW Navigation Advanced Buoyancy	Sandy Channel
June 12-13	UW Navigation Search & Recovery	Sandy Channel
June 25-27	Deep Diver Dry Suit Diver Diver Propulsion Vehicle Advanced Adventure Diver	Bull Shoals Lake Bull Shoals AR
July 17-18	UW Navigation Advanced Buoyancy Diver Propulsion Vehicle	Sandy Channel
July 22-27	Deep Diver Wreck Diver	Isle Royale Lake Superior
August 21-22	UW Navigation Search & Recovery	Sandy Channel
September 18-19	Dry Suit Diver Advanced Buoyancy Diver Propulsion Vehicle	Sandy Channel
September 24-26	Deep Diver Dry Suit Diver Wreck Diver Advanced Adventure Diver	Blue Water Lake Oronogo MO
October 9-10	Dry Suit Diver UW Navigation	Sandy Channel
October 22-24	Deep Diver Dry Suit Diver Advanced Adventure Diver	Blue Hole Santa Rosa NM

If you want a class that isn't listed, or if the date doesn't fit, just call and we'll schedule it for you!

Dates to Remember

December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3  <i>Corona Night, 6-9pm</i>	4 <i>Beginning scuba class</i>	5 <i>Beginning scuba class</i>
6 <i>Beginning scuba class</i>	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Christmas Day Closed</i>	26 <i>Closed</i>
27	28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve Day</i>		

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January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i> Adv. Trimix Course—FL New Year's Day -Closed	<i>2</i> Adv. Trimix Course—FL Closed
<i>3</i> <i>Adv. Trimix Course—FL</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Adv. Trimix Course—FL</i>	<i>5</i> <i>Adv. Trimix Course—FL</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Adv. Trimix Course—FL</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Adv. Trimix Course—FL</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Adv. Trimix Course—FL</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> <i>UNL Scuba I course begins</i>	<i>14</i>  <i>Corona Night, 6-9pm</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Beginning scuba class</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Beginning scuba class</i>
<i>17</i> <i>Beginning scuba class</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> <i>WES Scuba I course begins</i>	<i>20</i> <i>UNL Scuba I</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> <i>Equipment Specialty Course</i>
<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> <i>WES Scuba I</i>	<i>27</i> <i>UNL Scuba I</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>31</i>						

Dates to Remember

February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>WES Scuba I</i>	3 <i>UNL Scuba I</i>	4	5	6 <i>Bonaire Trip</i>
7 <i>Bonaire Trip</i>	8 <i>Bonaire Trip</i>	9 <i>Bonaire Trip</i> <i>WES Scuba I</i>	10 <i>Bonaire Trip</i> <i>UNL Scuba I</i>	11 <i>Bonaire Trip</i>	12 <i>Bonaire Trip</i>	13 <i>Bonaire Trip</i>
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The following people have recently completed classes
with Heartland Scuba Center.
Please congratulate them if you happen to see them.

Open Water Diver

Collin Shepherd
Nikki Earhart
Kacie Sharp
Ian Hudspeth
Samantha Overton

Andrew Welch
Drew Schulz
Kasey Farritor
Sean Pauley
Rachel Wolfe

Theodoric Mattes
John Ward
Gary Higgins
Ashley Thiems
Lisa Beck
Kevin Beck



Computer Nitrox Diver

Drew Schulz
David Redfern
Andrew Welch
Matt Aerni

Buoyancy Diver

David Redfern

U/W Navigation Diver

David Redfern

CPROX 1st AED

James Grendell
Denise Girard
Daniel Erickson

Advanced Adventure Diver

Ross Young
Andrew McVey
Scott Hagemeyer
Trenton Carda

TDI Nitrox Gas Blender

Jim Grendell

Rescue Diver

Daniel Erickson

SDI Divemaster

Denise Girard

Master Scuba Diver

Daniel Erickson

Full Cave Diver

Jim Grendell