



Not many camps in the Midwest can say they offer scuba and snorkeling classes. Scouts looking for a new challenge, preparing for a trip to Sea Base, or who just have an interest in underwater adventures will be thrilled by the scuba and snorkeling programs at Camp Friedlander. A local certified scuba diving group, taking advantage of the skills and equipment they have available, provides the Snorkeling BSA and the Scuba BSA program.

The **Snorkeling BSA** requirements introduce Scouts children and adult leaders to the special skills, equipment, and safety precautions associated with snorkeling; encourage the development of aquatics skills that promote fitness and recreation; and provide a foundation for those who later will participate in more advanced underwater activity. There is a \$35 additional fee per participant to be paid with camp registration fees.

**Scuba BSA** introduces qualified Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and registered adult participants to the special skills, equipment, and safety precautions associated with scuba diving; encourages aquatics activities that promote fitness and recreation; and provides a foundation for those who later will participate in more advanced underwater activity.

The **Scuba BSA** experience contains two parts — *Knowledge Development* and *Water Skills Development*

During the first part, participants learn basic dive safety information and overview skills to be used during their water experience. The Water Skills Development session introduces essential dive skills, such as mask clearing, regulator clearing, and alternate air source use. An instructor certified by diving organizations recognized by the BSA conducts the Scuba BSA program in clear, confined water.

Completion of Scuba BSA requirements sets the stage for additional training, but does not qualify the participant to dive independently, either in confined water or open water environments. There is a \$45 additional fee per participant to be paid with camp registration fees.

These programs are not recommended for younger Scouts. All participants must be classified as swimmers.

Scuba and Snorkeling participants must complete the [SCUBA and Snorkeling Release](#) form. If any of the answers to the medical self-assessment are "yes," the [SCUBA and Snorkeling Medical Statement](#), including a physician's signature, is also required.