

**TO:** Open Water/Advanced Students and Certified Divers

**FROM:** Smoky Mountain Divers

**SUBJECT:** Certification Dives in the North Florida Springs

**LOCATION:** Gainesville / Williston, Florida

**DATES:** November 22 - 24, 2024

**FACILITIES AND ACCOMMODATIONS:** Each person going on the trip will be responsible for making their own room and travel arrangements. There are many hotels to choose from in the Gainesville / Williston area. Meals are available at several nearby restaurants. Approximately 9 hours driving time is required to get to Gainesville from the Tri-Cities.

**DIVE SITES:** We plan to dive at two commercial springs. Blue Grotto Resort on Saturday, and Devil's Den Spring and Campground on Sunday.

The dive sites consist of freshwater springs, and limited ledge or cavern diving for certified divers. The water is crystal clear and a cool 68-72 degrees. A warm jacket could be necessary, and a hooded sweatshirt is nice after the dives during cooler months. A full wetsuit will be required and available for rental.

**WAIVERS AND ORIENTATION VIDEO:** There are three things you need to fill out. Our dive shop trip registration sheet, and a waiver for both commercial springs.

Blue Grotto Waiver and Orientation Video are available at <https://divebluegrotto.com/diving/students/> You must watch the Blue Grotto Orientation Video. This is part of the process for the waiver and includes safety information for the dive site.

The waiver for Devil's Den is on this page <https://devilsden.com/instructors> Click on the "Click Here To Download Waiver" button.

Please download the waivers, fill them out and drop them off at the shop. Or you could email a copies to [Info@Smokymountaindivers.com](mailto:Info@Smokymountaindivers.com)

If needed, we can email you a copy of the forms.

**SCHEDULE:** Departure will be at the convenience of your carpool. Make your way to Florida Friday. The group will meet at the Blue Grotto Dive Resort parking lot 8:15AM Saturday November 23, 2024. The GPS address is;

Blue Grotto Dive Resort 3852 NE 172 Ct Williston, FL 32696 phone# 352.528.5770

We will begin getting ready for the day at our pavilion. The plan is to get three dives in on Saturday. We usually finish up around 4:30 or 5:00PM and then you are free for the evening. Before we adjourn for the day, we will confirm our plans for Sunday morning at Devil's Den

We will start home after our last dive on Sunday, about Noon.

### ITEMS TO PACK CHECKLIST:

Mask, Fins, Snorkel, & Octo Necklace  
Full Wetsuit w/ Booties  
Regulator w/ Octo, SPG, LP Inflator Hose, (Dive Computer if you have one)  
BCD w/ L.P. Inflator  
2 Tanks and Weights  
Diver's Logbook  
Underwater Light (optional)  
Underwater Slate w/ Pencil (Highly Recommended but not required)

**RENTAL GEAR CHECKOUT & RETURN PROCEDURE:** The necessary equipment for the trip is listed above. **Each diver will check out their own equipment at Smoky Mountain Divers before your departure to Florida.**

**YOU WILL TRANSPORT ALL OF YOUR DIVING EQUIPMENT FOR THE WEEKEND!**

If you do not think you will be able to transport your own gear for the trip, we can help you make arrangements for your gear. Give us a call at the shop to discuss.

**NOTE: PACK GEAR AND REGULATORS CAREFULLY. DO NOT PLACE WEIGHTS IN DIVE BAGS. WEIGHTS WILL DAMAGE MASKS, GAUGES, COMPUTERS, AND REGULATORS.**

**RETURNING GEAR:** SMD Staff will be available Monday and Tuesday following the Florida Trip from 10:00AM to 6:00PM to **CHECK-IN CLEAN RENTAL EQUIPMENT** for maintenance.

**TRIP FEE AND DEPOSITS:** Trip fees are listed below. Choose the package that best fits your needs.

- A. Diver Training Price = **\$265**
  - a. Open Water Diver Student Package includes: **Admission into Two Springs, Lunch Saturday, Instructor Fees, Two Air Refills for the trip.**
- B. Certified Diver (Non-Training) Price = **\$141**
  - a. Certified Diver (Non-Training) Package includes: **Admission into Two Springs, Lunch Saturday, and Two Air Refills for the trip.**
- C. Non-diver Price = **\$20**
  - a. Non-diver Package includes: **Admission into Two Springs, and Lunch Saturday.**

**\*\*\*\* \$50 Deposit Due NOW to confirm we have enough people to make the trip. \*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*\* TOTAL TRIP FEE DUE BY FRIDAY, November 15th, 2024 \*\*\*\*\***

# FLORIDA SPRINGS DIVE TRIP

**November 22 – 24, 2024**

YOU MAY REGISTER FOR THIS TRIP BY COMPLETING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND RETURNING IT TO:

SMOKY MTN. DIVERS, INC. 6635 KINGSPORT HIGHWAY, GRAY, TN 37615  
PHONE (423)239-7333. OR E-MAIL: Info@smokymountaindivers.com

_____ NAME		_____ STREET ADDRESS	
_____ CITY		_____ STATE	_____ ZIP CODE
_____ PHONE #		_____ E-MAIL	
_____ EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME & PHONE #		_____ DAN INSURANCE #	

## STATEMENT OF RELEASE

I, NOR MY HEIRS WILL HOLD SMOKY MOUNTAIN DIVERS, INC., AND THEIR OWNERS OR OFFICERS, OR ANY OTHER PERSONS INVOLVED IN DIRECTING THIS TRIP RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURY THAT I MIGHT INCUR WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THIS TRIP.

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SIGNATURE

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DATE

IF UNDER 18 PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST SIGN & DATE

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## RENTAL AGREEMENT

ALL RENTAL EQUIPMENT IS DUE BACK AT SMOKY MOUNTAIN DIVERS NO LATER THAN NOON ON TUESDAY FOLLOWING THE TRIP. RETURN ALL WETSUITS CLEAN & DRY. WASH SUITS WITH SOAP & WATER AND HANG TO DRY. **LATE RENTAL EQUIPMENT & DIRTY WETSUIT RETURNS WILL PAY A \$25 SERVICE CHARGE.**

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