

# Participant Responsibilities and Information Form:

# SCUBA



## Instructions for Completing this Form

- Please read the trip brochure. This can be found in your registration packet or at [sc.org/outings](http://sc.org/outings).
- Please read the Participation Agreement. This can be found in your registration packet or at [content.sierraclub.org/outings/participant-forms](http://content.sierraclub.org/outings/participant-forms).
- Please read the Sierra Club Essential Eligibility Criteria (“EEC”) on the following page or at [content.sierraclub.org/outings/essential-eligibility-criteria](http://content.sierraclub.org/outings/essential-eligibility-criteria).
- Once you have reviewed these documents, please complete and sign this form and return it to your trip leader within 30 days of registering for the trip.
- If the space provided is not sufficient, you may submit your responses on a separate sheet.
- Minor participants (those under 18 years old) must complete the form with a parent/legal guardian (collectively “parent”).

## Participant (and parent of a minor) Responsibilities

In applying for and participating on this trip, I and my parent, if I am a minor, understand and agree:

- The trip may require vigorous activity and be mentally, physically and emotionally demanding, and I declare that I am/my child is capable of actively participating;
- I have read the trip brochure and EEC, spoken with Sierra Club representatives if needed, and agree that I (or my child) can and will meet the EEC;
- I will provide honest, accurate and complete information in this Participant Responsibilities and Information Form, the Sierra Club Medical Form, and in any communications with the trip leader or other Sierra Club representatives regarding my disclosures or otherwise. I understand that although the trip leader will review this collective information and may (with or without referral to participant’s medical provider) allow me (or my child) to participate, they or other Sierra Club representatives cannot anticipate or eliminate risks or complications posed by a participant’s mental, physical (including fitness level), or emotional condition;
- Even if the trip leader accepts me (or my child) for the trip, I should consider carefully (whether or not in consultation with my or my child’s medical provider), whether the trip is an appropriate match;
- I have reviewed the Participation Agreement for additional details regarding the activities, risks and my/my child’s responsibilities;
- To heed and adhere to the Sierra Club Terms & Conditions: [www.sierraclub.org/terms](http://www.sierraclub.org/terms);
- I have read the Equipment and Clothing section of the trip brochure and I (or my child) have appropriate equipment (gear, clothing, footwear) for this trip;
- I (or my child) will respect the customs of the areas/countries visited and comply with any applicable laws, regulations or guidelines.

## Participant Information

Full name:

Mobile phone: (    )

Address:

Home phone: (    )

City:

Email address:

State:

ZIP:

Date of birth:

## Essential Eligibility Criteria: SCUBA

Sierra Club developed these Essential Eligibility Criteria (EEC) to help trip applicants better understand the essential criteria necessary to participate in a Sierra Club trip. Please read carefully! These EEC are not intended to be exclusionary, but to identify the basic requirements of participation focused on safety and risk management considerations, and consistent with Sierra Club's mission. Importantly, these EEC are intended to be helpful and constructive for all participants considering attending Sierra Club trips. However, these EEC are only intended to give an overall picture of EEC for trip activities and do not encompass every criteria or function of the various activities you may encounter on a given trip. **Each participant commits on their Participant Responsibilities and Information Form that they have read and can meet the EEC for their particular trip.**

### General EEC

- Have the capacity to travel through and navigate variations in a given trip's weather, temperatures, terrain, and altitude and continue traveling, as appropriate, during adverse weather; wind, rain, heat, cold.
- Accept that the dynamic of a group requires coming together on a daily schedule, hiking at a consistent speed, taking regular breaks, etc.
- Take care of yourself: eat and drink appropriately, dress for the weather, maintain personal hygiene and necessary self-care, manage known medical conditions.
- Effectively notify and communicate with leaders or other participants in the event of personal distress, injury, illness, or the need for assistance while engaging in activities.
- Remain alert and focused for several hours at a time while traveling through the wilderness and other areas.
- Can pay attention and understand and follow directions when traveling independently or with the group, and stay with the group when necessary.
- Follow rules that the leaders establish for the safety and well-being of the group.
- Act in a manner consistent with Leave No Trace ethics. Participants must be able to follow leaders' directions regarding minimum impact guidelines. For more information, go to [www.LNT.org](http://www.LNT.org).
- Work cooperatively as a member of a group and support a team approach despite potentially challenging circumstances. This includes treating others with courtesy and respect and requires flexibility and the ability to compromise on an interpersonal or group level.
- Recognize that group members may have different views on problem-solving. The leaders will make the final decisions, but your input is valued and welcome. Tolerance, compromise, and flexibility are required.
- As applicable on a given trip, live and travel in the remote US or international settings frequently 8 or more hours from medical facilities with potential delays or difficulties in communication, transportation, evacuation, and medical care.

### Physical Abilities

- Be certified by a nationally recognized agency for SCUBA diving.
- Be able to put the equipment together, safely handle the gear, transport it short distances, and adjust all equipment for proper fit.
- Be able to do water entries from a boat (long stride or backward roll), shore entries, re-board a boat from the water via a ladder with gear, and do shore exits safely.
- Able to handle currents, tides, surf, reduced visibility, and other situations common to diving.
- Know the hand signals of SCUBA divers, have good swimming abilities, and be comfortable in the water.
- Determine if the weather and water conditions are within the limitations set by your highest certification level, within your skillset, and decide to continue or abort aboard the dive.
- Remain calm in the presence of various ocean life and respect the environment by not touching, damaging, or collecting coral, shells, sea life, or artifacts.
- Experience as a good swimmer and proficient at snorkeling and diving.
- How to read a computer and SPG (Submersible Pressure Gauges): [www.padi.com/gear/spgs](http://www.padi.com/gear/spgs).

### Safety and Risk Management

- Wear all required safety gear, including Buoyancy Control Device (BCD), "octopus" regulator with a spare regulator, and whistle.
- Monitor gauges, identify to divemaster required levels of air consumption.
- Follow and monitor the divemaster for directions.
- Only dive as deep as instructed for each dive, adhere to bottom time limits for repetitive dives.
- Able to retrieve a regulator that may have been dislodged from your mouth underwater.
- Self-rescue, grab and hold onto a safety rope and cooperate with an assisted rescue or evacuation.
- Share personal history of dive accidents, injuries, or illness (to be assessed by the leader).

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## Participant Questionnaire

To enhance the leader's initial conversation with you, briefly describe your interest in this trip.

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Have you been on a trip with Sierra Club Outings before?      Yes      No

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**Please list your most recent 3 trips (Sierra Club Outings, another group, or personal) related to the activities described in the trip brochure. Include approximate dates, locations, distances, and trip-related activities.**

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**Please carefully review the trip brochure and the Essential Eligibility Criteria above and list your questions or concerns about the trip, including any potentially challenging conditions.**

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**Describe your general physical condition and regular activities or exercise program.**

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**Please review the trip brochure, including the Trip Difficulty section, and the Essential Eligibility Criteria above and describe what additional physical conditioning you will do to prepare for this trip.**

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**Do you have any dietary restrictions or requirements? Please be specific.** *For example, vegetarian, vegan, sugar or gluten intolerance, allergies, sensitivities, or other important considerations, including foods you do not eat.*

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**Please list any outdoor interests, hobbies, or skills that you would be willing to share with the group.** *For example, birding, archaeology, geology, volunteer work, conservation, renewable energy, environmental issues, etc.*

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**Please indicate your swimming ability:**      Non-swimmer      Novice      Average      Advanced

**How much, if any, open ocean swimming experience do you have?**

*Please answer all of the following questions if you plan to both dive and snorkel on this trip.*

*If you only plan to snorkel, you may skip to the snorkel section on the following page.*

**SCUBA SECTION**

**Please indicate the dive gear will you be using:**

**When was it last serviced?**

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*For the BCD and regulator, we will require proof of last service within a year of the trip.*

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**Besides tanks and weights, will you need to rent gear? If so, please list it here so that the leader can confirm it will be available to rent.**

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**What is your certifying agency and number? (PADI, NAUI, etc.)**

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**What year were you certified?**

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**What is your highest level of certification?**

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**Do you have dive insurance?**

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**If yes, please list the agency (DAN) and policy number.**

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**When was the last time you dove?**

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**How many dives have you logged?**

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**Tell us briefly about your range of diving experience, cold water/warm water experience, travel distance, and favorite type of diving.**

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**SNORKEL SECTION**

If you plan to snorkel on the trip, approximately how many times have you snorkeled?

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Please indicate your snorkeling ability:

**Novice**

**Competent**

**Advanced**

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In what water conditions are you comfortable snorkeling?

**Calm, lake-like water**

**Ocean with calm water**

**Ocean with choppy water**

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**Participant (and Parent of a Minor Participant), please sign and date below:**

I agree the above information is accurate. I agree to the Participant (and parent of a minor) Responsibilities and understand those responsibilities apply to all aspects of my (or my child's) application, registration, and participation in this Sierra Club trip. I understand my (or my child's) final acceptance and participation in the trip is contingent upon the Sierra Club's receipt and review of all required (completed and/or signed) forms and information, including this form.

**Trip name and dates:**

**Participant Signature:**

**Print name:**

**Date:**

**Parent or Legal Guardian Signature**  
(if participant is a minor):

**Print name:**

**Date:**