

Dive Alberta Events 2024

DISCOVER LOCAL DIVING @ several Dive Events & Lake Cleanups around Alberta!

Enjoy local diving to meet new dive buddies, dive new local sites at dive events and/or participate in lake cleanups!
 For a chance to **WIN PRIZES** - just by coming out & having fun! + Plus qualify for year-end **GRAND PRIZE DRAWS!**
 See event details from Event Hosts' Websites & RSVP to each Host—AB Dive Shops, Alberta's Scuba Clubs and/or the AUC
 Join us on AUC FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE or Host's FACEBOOK Page or Website for all latest details prior to each event!

AUC Dive Alberta Events '24

(Dates Subject to Change, Must RSVP to Event Hosts)

April 27/24: AUC's AGM & ELECTIONS—Annual General Mtg—
 -not a typical scuba dive event but your provincial association's AGM & Elections via Zoom. Attendance here counts for Grand Prize draws, Members welcome. Must RSVP for Zoom Link

April 27: Scuba Gear Swap Meet (Calgary, location TBA)
 Host: UnderwaterOutlaws.com

May 4: Waterton Marina Cleanup Dive
 Host: AwesomeAdventures.ca

May 11: Season Opener/Lk Cleanup, Lk Chaparral
 Host: The Dive Shop, DiveShopScuba.com

May 25: Test the Waters—Waterton
 Host: UnderwaterOutlaws.com

May Long Weekend: JASPER Camp'n dive, Lk Cleanup, casual event only. Join Dive Buddies from across AB!
 4-5 Lakes in Jasper to dive!

June 15: Lake McKenzie Cleanup
 Host: AquaDiveandWaterSports.com

June 9: UW Poker at Lake Chaparral (Calgary)
 Host: The Dive Shop—DiveShopScuba.com

June 22, 23: P.S. We Miss You Memorial Wk'd, Two Jack Lake, Banff, Host: UnderwaterOutlaws.com

June 22: Zombie Dive, Clear Lake, near Wainwright,
 Host/Sponsor: AlbertaDivers.ca

July 13: Women's Dive Day @Forget-me-not Pond,
 Host/Sponsor: The Dive Shop, DiveShopScuba.com

July 13: Women's Dive Day—Clear Lake (near Wainwright)
 Host/Sponsor: AlbertaDivers.ca

July 22: Camp'n Dive Wk'd at Twin Lakes—Everyone Welcome, all divers, families, AB Scuba Clubs: Camp at Lion's Campground in Winfield, dive at Wing Divers' Twin Lakes, Co-Hosted: UW Outlaws & Wing Diver Scuba Club

Aug 10/11: Waterton Camp'n Dive Weekend
 Host: UnderwaterOutlaws.com

Aug 17-18: Alberta Free-diving Camp—Waterton
 Host: TheDiveShopScuba.com

Aug 17: Cold Lake UW Rodeo/Lake Cleanup
 Hosts: FortMacScuba.com and Lakeland Scuba Society

Aug 18: Lake Chaparral Cleanup
 Host: AquaDiveandWaterSports.com

Sept 7: POKER DIVE at Twin Lakes, (near Winfield)
 HOST/SPONSOR: DiveOutfitters.ca

AUC's Dive AB 2024 cont'd

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Sept 8: Lake Sundance Lake Cleanup
 Host: AquaDiveandWaterSports.com

Sept 17: Cold Lake U/W Pumpkin Carving—Host/Sponsor,
 Dumnill Diving Service, NorthwestScuba.com

Sept 21: Sylvan Lake U/W Cleanup—20th Annual
 Sponsor: ScubaGearCanada.ca, Town of Sylvan Lk, AUC

Sept 28: Banff Lk Cleanup, Cliff Dive Site at Banff's Lake
 Minnewanka, Host: UnderwaterOutlaws.ca, AUC

Sept 28: Wainwright Pumpkin Dive & Lk Cleanup,
 Clear Lake, Host/Sponsor: AlbertaDivers.ca

Sept 28: UW CLUE at Lake Chaparral, in Calgary
 Host/Sponsor: The Dive Shop, DiveShopScuba.com

Oct 1st: Cascade Pond Cleanup—Banff, Free Divers from
 Calgary to Cleanup Trash (only 6-12' depth), ivers are
 welcome to provide shore support.
 Sponsor: Parks Canada, UW Outlaws Club, AUC

Oct 5: Pumpkin Dive, Lake Chaparral, Calgary
 Host: UnderwaterOutlaws.com

Oct 19: Fall Lake Cleanup at Lk Chaparral
 Host: DiveShopScuba.com

NOTE: Some additional Event Dates have yet to be
 confirmed & all are Subject to Change!

*You must check with each Event's Host before
 each event. RSVP and/or Advance Registration
 required & much appreciated by the Event
 Hosts/Sponsors. Remember: clubs/events are
 often run by volunteers! Be nice!*

DIVE ALBERTA 2024 AUC's GRAND PRIZE DRAW \$250 Gift Certificate from AUC
 from your choice of participating AB Dive Centre/
 Instructor.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR & GET TICKETS IN 2024 for this very special AUC EVENT:

Divescapes Scuba Conference:
 AUC Hosts: DIVESCAPES '24— Oct 18/19,
 2024, Deerfoot Inn, Calgary
 Visit: Divescapes.ca

With world class Presenters, Workshops, Exhibitors. +.



**REMEMBER ALL EVENT DATES
 SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE!
 PLEASE RSVP TO EVENT HOST!**



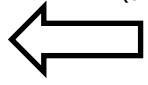
***The Fine Print :**
 Must be current AUC Member (new or renewed) to Qualify to Win Prizes at Events (if available) & for the GRAND PRIZE DRAWS at SEASON'S END!! Thanks for your support!

NOTE: For each event +add entry fee: \$5-\$30 per diver, plus +cost of any scuba rental gear and/or 1-2 tanks, or air fills, contact your favourite LDS (local AB Dive Shop) to reserve/rent gear, bring own Snacks/Water, etc.
****Must RSVP to Event Host/Sponsor, or their FB Event or the AUC FB EVENT OR via www.AUC.TidyHQ.com Event page**



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 Phone: 780-427-9125, Toll Free Ph: 1-888-307-8566
 Email: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com
 Website: albertaunderwatercouncil.com
 Facebook Group: Alberta Underwater Council

Thanks for Your Support!



AUC MEMBERSHIP—ALL MEMBERS—Please Sign up, NEW OR RENEW!!

Log-In to www.AUC.TidyHQ.com and set-up your new membership or renew.
 OR Email & Submit your info (as per below), + pay AUC Membership \$21 via E-Transfer
 Or Pay with Event Waiver at AUC Dive Alberta Event = activate or Pay Non-Member Event Fee

PLEASE PAY AND/OR RENEW FOR CURRENT YEAR: ONLY \$21 pp/per year

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/Town: _____ P.C. _____

Hm Ph/Cell: _____ DOB _____ (d/m/y) **M / F**

Email: _____ CERT# _____ Level: _____

Permission to send AUC's eNewsletter via email? YES No
 (Unsubscribe at anytime, usually sent once per month during the AB Dive Season with local dive event reminders)

*USE QR Code & Signup via our Tidy HQ Membership System: auc.tidyhq.com
 (OR: Email the above info to: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com)
 PAY OR RENEW via E-Transfer, send \$21 to: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com*



SCUBA & UW CLUBS IN ALBERTA

The AUC welcomes you to the company of underwater enthusiasts from across Alberta. Joining a dive or underwater sports club offers you a great opportunity to have fun both below & above the water, with a group of like-minded individuals. Many clubs also offer opportunities to improve your u/w or scuba skills plus even group dive travel. Meet new people & enjoy your sport! Join one of these Alberta Clubs (as below) today!

Alberta's SCUBA CLUBS:

CALGARY

Scuba Divers Dinner Group—

TonyLamb@me.com
H: 403-283-3368

Underwater Outlaws Social Club

underwateroutlaws.com
info@underwateroutlaws.com
Join us on Facebook

COLD LAKE

Lakeland Scuba Society

Search & find us on FB

EDMONTON

TDO Social Group

c/o TheDiveOutfitters.ca
Ph:780-483-0044, Join us on FB

Wing Divers Club

WingDiversScuba@gmail.com
Join us on FB: Twin Lakes Divers

FORT McMURRAY

Wet & Wild Diving Society of Fort McMurray

fortmacscuba.com & FB Group Page

GRANDE PRAIRIE

Grand Prairie Scuba Club

Find & Join us on Facebook
gpclub@gmail.com

LETHBRIDGE

Scuba Group Lethbridge

c/o Awesome Adventures.ca
Ph: 403-328-5041

RED DEER & AREA

Red Deer Pub Divers

c/o Mark Faas, PADI,
mark@albertadivers.ca
Ph: 403-857-8008

WAINWRIGHT

Alberta Adventure Divers

780-842-2882, diver@albertadivers.ca
albertadivers.ca, find us on FB

BRITISH COLUMBIA

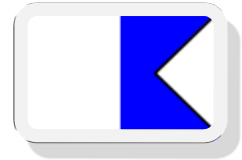
Kootenay Divers, Cranbrook, BC,

Join us on our FB Group Page.

SASKATCHEWAN

Or Contact our dive buddies at
Saskatchewan Underwater Council
(SUC), www.saskuc.com

NOTE: All Clubs & Contacts Subject to Change without Notice! Clubs are also volunteer-run so please be patient.



Looking for Dive Buddies?

Search social media like FACEBOOK as many AB U/W Clubs have Facebook Group Pages that you can join.



FB is a great tool to find out about dive club events, upcoming

local dives, divers posting they're looking for buddies, socials, club pool dates & times & even Group Dive Travel.

Be sure to search, join and post a message on **Alberta Underwater Council's** Group FB Page.



Note: AUC Club Members must be AUC Members, see QR Code
ADULT WAIVER/LIABILITY RELEASE & EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK Form mandatory for all Dive Events, Club Activities, etc., and must be filled out & signed prior to participating. *Please - dive safe, always!*

Alberta's Underwater Hockey Clubs:

CALGARY: Calgary UW Hockey Club (Youths): calgaryunderwater.ca

EDMONTON: EdmontonUnderwaterHockey.com (Youth & Adults)

Note: Info above subject to change without notice, current as of 02/24





TO BE A GOOD, SAFE DIVER, I SHOULD ALWAYS:

- ⇒ Maintain good mental and physical fitness for diving. Never be under the influence of alcohol or drugs when diving.
- ⇒ Keep proficient in diving skills, striving to increase them through continuous education and reviewing them in controlled conditions (pool refreshers) after inactivity in diving.
- ⇒ Be familiar with my dive sites. If not, obtain a formal diving orientation from a knowledgeable, local source. If diving conditions are worse than those in which I am experienced, postpone diving or select an alternate site with better conditions. Engage only in diving activities consistent with my scuba training and/or experience & fitness level.
- ⇒ Use complete, well-maintained, reliable equipment with which I am familiar: and inspect it for correct fit and function prior to each dive. Deny use of my equipment to uncertified divers. Complete a Dive Buddy Equipment Check before diving. Always have a buoyancy compensation device (BC) and submersible pressure gauge + bottom timer/computer.
- ⇒ Listen carefully to dive briefings and directions and respect the advice provided of those supervising my diving activities.
- ⇒ Adhere to the buddy-system throughout every dive. Plan dives & go over all communications, complete buddy gear checks, go over procedures for reuniting in case of separation plus emergency procedures – with my buddy.
- ⇒ Be proficient in dive table usage. Make & allow for a margin of safety. Have a means to monitor depth and time underwater. Limit maximum depth to my level of training and experience. Ascend at a rate not faster than 30 feet per minute. In addition, a safety stop of not less than 15 feet for at least 3-5 minutes (or longer) highly recommended after every non-decompression dive. *Maintain proper buoyancy.*
- ⇒ *Adjust weight at the surface for neutral buoyancy while under-water. Be buoyant for surface swimming and resting. Have weights clear for easy removal & establish buoyancy when in distress at surface, practice ditching weights often. Be familiar with & know how to ditch my dive buddy's weights.*
- ⇒ *Breathe properly for diving. Never breath-hold or skip breathe when breathing compressed air and avoid excessive hyper-ventilation when breath-hold diving (e.g., snorkelling, free-diving).*
- ⇒ Avoid over-exertion while in and under the water.

⇒ **Always dive within my limitations!**



Scuba Safety

Always!

Remember...

It's all up to you!

...where ever

you travel to dive!



ALBERTA SCUBA DIVERS... REMEMBER

DITCH YOUR WEIGHTS IN AN EMERGENCY!

AT SURFACE OR AT DEPTH!

ANNOUNCING AUC'S WEIGHT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

DITCH YOUR WEIGHTS IN ALBERTA?

- If unrecovered, AUC will replace weights, belt, pockets
- Must be a certified diver and citizen of Alberta (AUC membership not required)
- Must be ditched during a "non-training" dive only
- Must be willing to share your emergency scenario on AUC FB/Website, news, etc.

CONTACT THE AUC OFFICE ABOUT OUR NO-COST WEIGHT REPLACEMENT

Phone: 780-427-9125
Toll Free: 1-888-307-8566
Email: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com
Subject: Weight Replacement Program



A REMINDER TO SCUBA DIVERS:

- Scuba diving fatality inquiries, while rare, often report that victims failed to ditch their weight belt/system
- Colder conditions, heavier gear, hoods, mitts, when diving in Alberta contributes to difficulty in this skill
- AUC wishes to encourage, educate and promote safe diving practices for scuba divers in Alberta

NEW AUC SCUBA SAFETY PROGRAM

albertaunderwatercouncil.com

Scuba Safety at Dive Events

My Responsibilities & Assumption of Risk

As a certified scuba diver, participating at AUC Dive Events and/or Lake Cleanups (or during any dive) — you are responsible for your own safety and for managing the risks that are inherent within our sport.

Because your certification qualifies you to dive independently, there is no requirement for supervision – we are only there coordinating the logistical aspects of any AUC Dive event, or lake cleanup, etc.

We will do our best to inform of the dive's risks & of any uncertainties or unknowns.

If anybody does not understand any aspects of a dive site or the risks.....
Please Speak up Ask questions Stay safe!

Knowing the risks and understanding the limits of your training and experience, it is now your responsibility to manage these risks and acknowledge that you are fully responsible for your own actions. Which can affect many others—not just yourself.

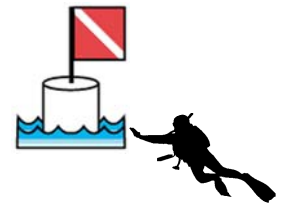
Think about how your actions today can endanger yourself, your dive buddy, even other divers present —and especially the potential horrific impact on your family & friends in the aftermath of (usually) preventable diving accident!

If anyone feels uncomfortable with any dive at any time, your dive plan should be adjusted to accommodate your comfort level & this could include deciding to not dive today - without any fear of embarrassment or any pressure to perform.

⇒ Cancel or call the dive or change the plan! No blame—no shame!
Don't push your luck....ever—today—it might just run out!

⇒ **Always have Safe Dive—it's all up to you!**





Alberta's Dive Shops, Independent Instructors, On-Line Scuba Sales & Dive Travel Specialists:

Retail dive shops operating in Alberta offer a lot—from initial snorkel or scuba training, with all the equipment needed – AND all the way up to exotic dive travel opportunities.

PLUS even escorted dive travel.

Please **SUPPORT** them by shopping in Alberta. Give your local store a visit via website, phone, email, like their FB Page, etc.

OR: visit in person today! **SHOP LOCAL** at:



ALBERTA'S LOCAL DIVE SHOPS

CALGARY:

AQUA DIVE & WATERSPORTS

9950 MacLeod Trail S, Calgary, AB T2J 3K9
Ph: (587) 353-3483
aquadiveandwatersports.com

THE DIVE SHOP ***

4652 McLeod Trail SW, Calgary, AB T2G 5E8
Ph: (403) 243-4616, diveshopscuba.com

COCHRANE:

GENERATION WAVE SCUBA SERVICES

249 River Ave, Cochrane, AB T4C 2C1
Ph: (587) 362-5929
generationwavescuba.org

EDMONTON:

THE DIVE OUTFITTERS****

11781 – 156 Street, Edmonton, AB T5M 3N4
Ph: (780) 483-0044, 1-888-483-0049
thediveoutfitters.ca

NORTHWEST SCUBA

6815 - 104 Street, Edmonton, AB T6H 2L5
Ph: (780) 438-1218, northwestscuba.com

OCEAN SPORTS***

NEW ADDRESS! As of Feb 2023:
9833 - 63 Ave, Edmonton, AB
Ph: (780) 432-1904, 1-800-561-3483
www.oceansports.ca

GRANDE PRAIRIE

SHANTARA DIVE SERVICES

10705—88 A Street
Grande Prairie, AB T8X 1L6
Ph: 780-8310645, shantara.ca

LETHBRIDGE

AWESOME ADVENTURES***

314 - 11 Street South
Lethbridge, AB T1J 2N8
Ph: (403) 328-5041
awesomeadventures.ca

ST PAUL

ATLANTIS DIVING*

Rob & Shelly Tymofichuk, Ph: (780) 614-8225
atlantisdiving1@gmail.com

WAINWRIGHT

ALBERTA ADVENTURE DIVERS***

1908—19 Ave, Wainwright, AB
Ph: 780-842-2882, albertadivers.ca

Alberta's Independent Scuba Instructors

CALGARY:

CALGARY SCUBA *

Ph: 403-829-4400, SDI/TDI, calgaryscuba.com

DIVE STRONG CANADA *

Lana Taylor, PADI Course Director,
www.divestrong.ca; info@divestrong.ca

ALAN KELLER, * PADI Master Instructor
alanmkeller@me.com

T4 SCUBA * Padi Courses, Dive Travel

Ph: 403-660-8700, T4scuba@gmail.com

COLD LAKE:

DUNNILL DIVING SERVICES *

PADI Open Water plus Specialties
780-573-3573, stuart.dunnill@hotmail.com

EDMONTON:

LARRY WEDGEWOOD SCUBA.COM

PADI Courses, Ph: 780-699-9383

FORT McMURRAY:

STINGRAY DIVER TRAINING.COM

Ray LaFrense, PADI, Cell: 780-554-8549
ray@stingraydivertraining.com, find us on FB

RED DEER & AREA:

ALBERTA ADVENTURE DIVERS * (Red Deer)

Mark Faas, PADI, mark@albertadivers.ca
Ph: 403-857-8008, albertadivers.ca

MARK WILLERTH * (Red Deer)

Cell: 403-302-2802, PADI, mbwillerth@gmail.com

AQUA-NUTS DIVING.CA * (Rocky Mt. House)

Denise Boniface, PADI, Ph: 403-846-3914

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

*Divescapes Scuba
Conference—*

OCT 18, 19th 2024,

Deerfoot Inn, Calgary, AB

Divescapes.ca

Please Note:

AUC is independent & neutral when it comes to Alberta's scuba related businesses. AUC welcomes participation from all Alberta's dive stores: brick or on-line, independent instructors dive travel specialists plus their affiliated agencies, and/or their suppliers, etc.

The AUC always endeavors to operate fairly, reciprocally & co-operatively with all organizations that choose to engage with the Council.

TOGETHER, WE'RE BETTER!

ON-LINE SHOPPING IN AB Yes, SHOP LOCAL On-Line!

CALGARY:

AquaSportScuba.com***

Ph:403-969-3483

CalgaryScuba.com*

Ph: 403-829-4400

The Dive Shop—On-Line***

www.diveshopscuba.com/shop
Ph: 403-243-4616



EDMONTON:

OCEANSports.CA ***

Ph: 780-432-1904, 1-800-561-3483

SCUBAGEARCANADA.CA ****

Ph: 780-483-0044, 1-888-483-0049

AIR FILL STATION: Jasper - Air Fill

Station only at Jasper's Volunteer Fire Hall,
Ph: 780-931-0075, \$10 Cash, exact change only please,
Saturdays only, usually 4—6 pm, no Twins or Din tanks.
(Note: subject to availability & change without notice)

Interested in Dive Travel ???

Looking for Group Trips ??



Check out the trips offered by many of our Alberta's Dive Shops, AB Scuba Clubs, local AB Scuba Instructors

and/or Alberta's Dive Travel Specialists:

TROPICALADVENTURESTRAVEL.COM**

Ray Agterbos, specializing in escorted dive trips,
Toll Free: 1-877-516-5525, ext 1

NOTE: AUC SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

**** PLATINUM Level Supporter of the AUC
*** GOLD ** SILVER * BRONZE Level



AUC's sincere appreciation & thanks to our outstanding & supportive scuba partners:

ALBERTA'S LDS (Local Dive Shops)
ALBERTA'S Independent Instructors
ALBERTA'S On-Line Scuba Web Stores
AB Dive Travel Specialists

for their yearly support of AUC's mandate & goals!
Plus their generous hosting/sponsoring of many Alberta's local dive events & lake cleanups and/or support of AUC's bi-annual scuba conference
See website: **DIVESCAPES.CA**