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National Conservation Training Center

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SAF4300 - Scientific River Diving Safety

Course Code	SAF4300
Course Title	Scientific River Diving Safety
Description	<p>Target Audience: Anyone that SCUBA dives in rivers as part of their job.</p> <p>This course will address safety procedures, hazards, risks, benefits, and equipment associated with Scientific River Diving. Throughout the course, divers will practice and show mastery in the following skills: diving with a full-face mask, communicating verbally with full-face mask divers from the surface and collecting data, communicating using tactile and line signals, diving on a tether, tending divers on a tether, diving with a hookah, briefing a river dive, and creating a river dive plan. Students that demonstrate mastery will receive certifications in Scientific River Diving and Full-Face Mask through PADI.</p> <p>Prerequisites: Due to the unique hazards involved with river diving, all participants are required to complete the Rescue Diver certification and First Aid/CPR and O2 delivery prior to the course. Dry suit certification also is required if participants plan to use a dry suit during the course. You will be required to provide copies of these certifications PRIOR to signing up to attend</p> <p>Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe and execute the planning and organization of a river dive. • List the equipment needed for conducting river dives. • Describe and execute the techniques and procedures for conducting river dives. • Explain the hazards of river diving and how they may be avoided or overcome. • Describe and execute river diving safety procedures. • Demonstrate mastery of all open-water skills.
Delivery Method	Instructor Led
Non-FWS Fee	\$0.00
Instructional Hours	36
Credits/CEUs	3.0
Course Content Contact	Matthew Patterson; matthew_patterson@fws.gov
Curriculum Category	Safety and Emergency Response
Course Frequency	As needed
Registration Link	Register in DOI Talent
College Credit Name	Semester Hours
College Credit Value	2

Schedule: SAF3400 - Scientific River Diving Safety

Start	End	Session Information	Location	Session Contact
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