Have you ever wanted to be a certified scuba diver? Well, now is your chance! Scuba Lessons will begin May 19th at the Student Recreation Center. Classes will meet Tuesday’s and Thursday’s 6:00-9:30 pm.

Space is limited to 6 students. Sign up online today!! [www.southalabama.edu/campusrec/aquatics](http://www.southalabama.edu/campusrec/aquatics)

Instruction Provided by Underwater Works Inc.

Underwater Works Address:
24208 US HWY 98 Fairhope, AL

Store Phone Number:
251-928-5550

Directions:
5.2 miles south of I-10 on the east side of US HWY 98 (Four Lane).

Vortex Spring
1517 Vortex Spring Ln. Ponce De Leon, Florida 32455

The star of Florida’s Gulf Coast premier inland dive resort is Vortex Spring.

The spring produces 28 million gallons of crystal-clear water daily at a year-round temperature of 68 degrees F. Depths in the spring basin range from about 50 feet for a cavern dive and up to 115 feet for a cave dive. The bottom of the spring bowl is sandy, with limestone near the vent. A handrail leads cave divers back 400 feet. Vortex waters flow out of the 225-foot-diameter spring pool to form Blue Creek, which flows over a half-mile before entering the Choctawhatchee River.

The fish at the spring include bluegills, channel catfish, American freshwater eels, gar, redhorse suckers, shadow bass, and exotic species such as koi and goldfish.

Class Schedule

Tuesday, September 8
Meet at Underwater Works in Daphne AL to pick out your gear and begin your first class.

Thursday, September 10
Meet at the Student Recreation Center Outdoor Pool 6:00-9:30 pm.

Tuesday, September 15
Meet at the Student Recreation Center Meeting Room 6:00—9:30 pm

Thursday, September 17
Meet at the Student Recreation Center Outdoor Pool 6:00—9:30 pm.

Saturday, September 19
First Dive, Vortex Springs, Ponce De Leon Florida 8:00 am—5:00 pm

Tuesday, September 22
Meet at the Student Recreation Center Meeting Room 6:00—9:30 pm

Thursday, September 24
Meet at the Student Recreation Center Outdoor Pool 6:00—9:30 pm.

Saturday, September 26
Dive at Vortex Springs, Ponce De Leon Florida 8.00 am

Class Cost

$375: This includes class, books, rental gear, log book, and certification card
$50: Instructor fee per day for open water dives
$21: Park entrance fee per day for open water dives

You will need to have professional scuba gear: mask, fins, snorkel, boots, weight/weight belt. This can be purchased the first night of class at Underwater Works Inc. All gear not purchased at Underwater Works Inc. must be approved by instructor before the first class.