CRC International SCUBA Trip to BONAIRE!
March 20-25, 2016

The mission of the Georgia Tech Campus Recreation SCUBA program, in partnership with Georgia Tech Professional Education and the Division of Student Life is to Educate and Inspire Environmental and Multicultural Awareness through our training, certification programs, and certification trips.

Trip Details:
• Who: GT Students, Faculty, Staff, and GT Community
• When: Sunday, March 20 through Friday, March 25, 2016
• Where: Bonaire - PASSPORT REQUIRED!
  Captain Don's - www.habitatbonaire.com/
• Payments: December 11, 2015 - $500. deposit/person (Due) January 29, 2016 - remaining balance
• Costs*: Basic Package (Everyone must select basic pkg when registering)
  • $1008. (GT Student - trip pkg excluding RT airfare to Miami)
  • $1108. (NON-GT Student - trip pkg excluding RT airfare to Miami)
  Diver Package (When registering ALSO select this pkg if diving)
  • $239. (Both GT Students and Non-GT Students) - Dive Package for certified divers or those getting certified on trip
  Certification Fee
  • $125. (GT Instructor(s) will be on the trip - fee for checkout dives and certification paperwork for those needing to complete their Scuba 1 or Scuba 2/Advanced open water checkout dives for certification)
  Equipment Rental (if needed)
  • $75. (Individuals NOT in the training program wanting to rent gear for the trip. Based on equipment availability and is not prorated per item.)
  • Participants in the GT training program can checkout equipment at no additional charge – DO NOT pay for equipment if getting certified.
  Nitrox - $40. Unlimited nitrox for duration of trip
  Marine Fee - $25 cash - to be paid on site
  Meals - Breakfast provided, Lunch and Dinner - on your own
• Includes: 5 nights cottage accommodations with full kitchens (double occupancy/room and 2 rooms/cottage), 4 days of diving: 2-1-tank boat dives each morning as scheduled and unlimited shore diving each day (dive table and weather permitting), RT transportation from Bonaire airport to cottages, and breakfast.

*Airfare/Transportation to Miami airport is not included. Also, the
fee for certification checkout dives, meals – lunch and dinner, marine
fee, and optional island activities are in addition to this cost.

- **Info Sessions:** 6:00-7:00pm - November 17&23 - room 134 and November 19 - room 240
- **Contact:** Debbie Dorsey, Director of Administration - Student Life
debbie.dorsey@studentlife.gatech.edu or 404 385-1562
- **Pre-trip Mtg:** Meeting with required water session to check skills and equipment - TBD - week prior to spring break - 6pm
- **Insurance:** DAN Insurance required for all divers - proof of insurance required prior to departure - [http://www.dan.org/](http://www.dan.org/)

**Trip Itinerary:**

**Day 1 - Sunday, 3/20**
- 3:00pm Depart Miami to Curacao (arrives 6:00pm)
- 7:30pm Depart Curacao to Bonaire (arrives 7:55pm)
- 9:00pm Check in at Captain Don’s
- 10:00pm Quick group meeting at the dive shop patio to prep for morning

**Day 2 - Monday, 3/21**
- 7:00am Breakfast provided
- 8:00am 2 -tank Boat Dives - meet as group at dive shop patio
  - Scuba 1 students - checkout dives 1 & 2
  - Scuba 2-Advanced students - checkout dive 1
  - All other divers will dive in buddy teams and within the safe parameters of their skill and experience levels
- 12:00pm Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00pm Unlimited shore diving (within dive table/computer parameters)
  - All divers electing the 2-tank afternoon dive will dive in buddy teams and within the safe parameters of their skill and experience levels
  - Scuba 2-Advanced students - checkout dive 2 (shore dive)
- 5:00pm Pool Time/Beach/Dinner - ENJOY!

**Day 3 - Tuesday, 3/22**
- 7:00am Breakfast provided
- 8:00am 2-Tank Boat Dives - meet as group
  - Scuba 1 students - checkout dive 3 + 4
  - Scuba 2-Advanced students - checkout dive 3
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 1:00pm Unlimited Shore Dives (within dive table/computer parameters)
  - All divers electing the afternoon dives will dive in buddy teams and within the safe parameters of their skill and experience levels
• **Trip Itinerary continued:**

  • 5:00pm  Pool/Beach Time - ENJOY!
  • 6:00pm  Scuba 2-Advanced students - checkout dive 4 - Instructor led Night Dive
  • 7:00pm  Dinner (for those not doing the night dive!)

**Day 4 - Wednesday, 3/23**

  • 7:00am  Breakfast provided
  • 8:00am  2-Tank Boat Dive - meet as group  
    - All divers will dive in buddy teams and within the safe parameters of their skill and experience levels. Certified group leaders will lead recently certified divers. The first dive will be considered an experience dive to introduce recently certified divers to a controlled and safe deep dive.
    - The second morning dive will be a fun tour dive and experience dive for all.
    - Scuba 2-Advanced students - checkout dive 5
  • 12:00pm  Lunch
  • 1:00pm  Unlimited Shore Dives (within dive table/computer parameters)  
    - All divers electing the afternoon dives will dive in buddy teams and within the safe parameters of their skill and experience levels
  • 5:00pm  Pool/Beach Time - ENJOY!
  • 7:00pm  Dinner OR Optional Shore Night Dive - Instructor led  
    - All other divers doing the night dive will dive in buddy teams within the safe parameters of their skill and experience levels and will adhere to the dive plan determined by the instructors

**Day 5 - Thursday, 3/24**

  • 7:00am  Breakfast provided
  • 8:00am  2-Tank Boat Dive - meet as group  
    - All divers will dive in buddy teams and within the safe parameters of their skill and experience levels. Certified group leaders will lead recently certified divers.
  • 12:00pm  Lunch  
    - **NO MORE DIVING AFTER 12PM**
  • 1:00pm  Tour island - coordinate trucks!
  • 7:00pm  Dinner (Optional group dinner in town - *This meal purchased on your own*)  
    - Return trucks with gas to Budget (on property) - specific time TBD
    - Evening check out of rooms (as much as we can do)
Day 6 - Friday, 3/25

- 5:30am  Breakfast - pick up sack breakfast, Check-out (any last minute room checkouts)
- 5:45am  Depart for airport
- 7:00am  Depart Bonaire to Curacao (arrives 7:25am)
- 10:00am Depart Curacao for Miami (arrives Miami at 1:15pm - schedule your flights after 2:30/3:00pm - allow time to travel between terminals if necessary)

Certification dives for Scuba 1 students (Open Water Diver) and/or Scuba 2 students (Advance Open Water Diver).

All diving locations and proposed dives are subject to change as a result of inclement weather and/or safety.
Trip Information

GT Gear Check-out/in and/or Rental:

- Individuals enrolled in the GT SCUBA training program are allowed to checkout gear for the trip at no additional charge - DO NOT pay to rent gear on the website if you are a student getting certified on the trip.
- This includes wetsuit, regulator, mask/fins/snorkel/boots, and dive light.
- Individuals not in the training program wanting to rent gear for the trip can do so for $75. (Based on equipment availability and is not prorated per item.)
- Equipment checkout will be handled at the Pre-trip meeting - TBD week before trip
- All gear must be returned 4 - 6pm on Monday, March 28, 2016.

What you need to know about Bonaire - http://www.infobonaire.com/:

- The official language is English.
- The US dollar is the official currency. NOTE: Bonaire follows European tradition in separating the thousands positions in large number with decimal points, and the fractional amounts after a whole number amount with commas, exactly the opposite as the U.S. For example, twenty-three thousand, four hundred eighty-two dollars and 54 cents would be written as US$ 23,482.54 on Bonaire.
- You may find prices on Bonaire to be similar or slightly higher to what you’re used to for similar items in the states. This is a result of the addition of import duties and taxes to the cost of an item, and is fairly typical throughout the Caribbean, although it should be noted that the Dutch Caribbean has among the lowest import tariffs in the region.
- Located 50 miles (80 Km) north of Venezuela and 86 miles (94 Km) east of Aruba
- Food and bottled water are safe to eat and drink - refer to restaurant write-ups for additional information on specific locations!
- Bonaire is on Atlantic Standard Time (AST). Same time as the United States East Coast during Daylight Savings Time (mid-Spring to mid-Fall). Bonaire does not change time for Daylight Savings, as is the custom in the US and Europe.
- International calls are expensive! However, the hotel has free wi-fi in public areas. Check w/ your provider for specific charges per phone, text and email.
- Tipping guidelines - Much like the US - some restaurants add a 10-15% service charge automatically, so if in doubt, ask. Taxis - generally a 10% tip, dive shops, etc. 10% is also the norm. Boat Captain and Dive Crew $10-20/day, Housekeeping $1-2/day
What to bring:

- International participants **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to make sure you complete all necessary travel documents to allow you to visit Bonaire and return to Miami. **ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME TO OBTAIN REQUIRED PAPERWORK** prior to departure, as there are no refunds.
- Pack light, casual clothes - temperature will range between mid 70's to high 80's.
- **SCUBA Gear** - M/F/S, boots, wet suit, regulator, BC, dive light - extra batteries!
- **SUNSCREEN**
- A couple bathing suits
- Dive log book
- Certified Divers - must bring your certification card!
- DAN card
- Toiletries
- Spending money
- Camera and batteries!
- Motion Sickness Medicine

* All equipment checked out **MUST** be returned in the same condition, and thoroughly cleaned and rinsed in fresh water, water drained from BC, dust caps on, wet suits cleaned, etc. A repair/replacement fee will be assessed for equipment damaged or lost.