

October Outing, Blue Lagoon – Huntsville, Tx, October 24-25

Outing Coordinator: Danny Bouska

Join the Diving Rebels at the Blue Lagoon for an early Halloween and be hidden away in the haunting piney woods just north of Huntsville Texas off I45. For over twenty years the eerie lagoon has served the divers of Texas with aqua blue bodies.....of water, carving (training) platforms, mysteriously sunken boats and miscellaneous ghoulish items. There is primitive camping if you dare, an onsite air station, concessions, and ice.

The entrance fee for divers and non divers is \$16.00 per day. Non Divers must be accompanied by a C-card holder. There is no charge for children under 10 & non-diving parents accompanying minors during diving lessons.

The Blue Lagoon opens at 8am on Saturday the 23rd and Sunday the 24th. There will be several people camping on Friday night, the 22nd. The gates close at 10pm on Friday. Join us Friday night or on Saturday, spend the day or the weekend, campout under the stars in the haunting piney woods, or grab a hotel room in nearby Huntsville.

Saturday events and flexible tentative times are:



- 8:00am “Spooky” Campsite Decorating (ongoing all day) Generators will be available if your decorations have lights.
- 10:30am Buddy Team Navigation Dive Contest
- 2:30pm Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest (See rules, page 5)
- 7:30pm Halloween Themed “Spooky” Campsite Decorating Judging
- 8:00pm Presentation of Awards and Halloween Movie "Haunted Mansion"



If you wish to camp, your entry fee allows you to camp overnight but there is a two day minimum fee so if you come in Saturday and leave Sunday the fee is \$32.00. The Blue Lagoon does not allow pets. There are Porta Potties scattered throughout the property.

There will be a meal share for Saturday lunch and dinner and breakfast on Sunday. If you are not familiar with a “Meal Share”, the cost of the 3 meals is added together and divided by the number of participants. You are responsible for your own drinks. Coffee will be available on Saturday and Sunday morning.

Meal Coordinators are needed for Saturday Lunch and Sunday Breakfast. Afraid to coordinate a meal? Give me a call to discuss, it's really easy!

Air fills are \$8.00, rental tanks are \$12.00. If you need other gear: Regs \$20.00, BCD \$20.00, Wetsuits \$20.00, Weights \$10.00

We need to know if you're coming! Sign Up sheets will be available at the October 6th meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting and want to participate, and to assure we have plenty of food please email webmaster@divingrebels.org or call Danny at 817-381-5051. This email address or phone number can also be used for questions about the outing.

If signing up for the outing via email please include: When you will be arriving, how many people in your group, if you are camping, staying in Huntsville or just making a day trip, and if you are participating in the meal share.

Directions: Take I45 south from Dallas/Ft Worth toward Houston. Take Exit 123 approximately 7 miles north of Huntsville and turn left (east) at Farm to Market Rd 1696/Pinedale Rd. Continue to follow Pinedale Rd for approximately 4 miles. The Blue Lagoon entrance will be on the left.



Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest Rules

Bring your own pumpkin any size you wish. All pumpkins must be checked in upon arrival at our camping area at the Blue Lagoon. DO NOT pre-clean/gut or pre-draw/trace your pumpkin before check-in at the Blue Lagoon. Pumpkins will be marked at check-in and held in the "Pumpkin Patch" until time for the carving. There will be three categories: Scariest, Ugliest and Best Design.

1. At 2:30, you may pick up your pumpkin from the "Pumpkin Patch".
2. You will have two hours to gut your pumpkin (on land), trace by pencil or marker if desired (no precutting of the pumpkin of any kind, except to remove the top for gutting), and carve your pumpkin underwater.

NOTE: THE BLUE LAGOON IS PERMITTING US TO HAVE THE UNDERWATER PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL PUMPKINS MUST BE GUTTED and CLEANED BEFORE BEING TAKEN INTO THE WATER. NOT GUTTING & CLEANING THE PUMPKIN BEFORE ENTERING THE WATER IS AN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION AND MUST ALSO CLEAN UP ANY MESS MADE BY THE GUTS.

2. Must practice safe diving; therefore, must have a buddy and cannot enter the water by yourself. Both members of the buddy team may carve their own pumpkin.
3. Carving must be done on the platform.
4. No weights can be used to assist in submerging or holding down the pumpkin on the platform.
5. Must use only a dive knife for carving.
6. Must surface with no less than 500psi in tank. (safe diving practice)
7. All carved items must be caught in some kind of bag and removed from the lagoon.
8. Each team will be required to check out of the water.
9. If by chance your pumpkin were to abort the dive prior to finishing or starting, you may retrieve your pumpkin and continue.
10. All pumpkins wishing to be judged must be returned to the "Pumpkin Patch" by 5pm.

