

# Policies and Procedures for Camp Indian Springs Guides and Surveyors

## **A. Guide Qualifications -**

At least full cave certified

At least Normoxic Trimix certified

If wishing to guide with a rebreather, must be an active cave CCR or SCR Instructor and carry the required bailout gas for them and the open circuit diver they will be guiding

If sidemount diving, must have a sufficient length low pressure hose attached to their primary second stage to air share single file in an out of air emergency

If wishing to guide using a DPV, must be cave DPV certified or equivalent experience and have conducted 5 DPV dives in the Indian Springs Cave System\*

Proof of at least 200 full cave dives, at least 24 in the last year

Proof of at least 25 cave dives below the depth of 150ft

Dove the Indian Springs Cave System at least 10 times\*

Proof of DAN Insurance

Proof of CPR, First Aid, and O2 Administration Training

Completion of Indian Springs Guide release of Liability and Assumption of Risk forms

Completion of weekend Guide Seminar to be held once a year

\*Those seeking to become a guide and are a current guide in similar systems, may have a review of the number of qualifying dives to be considered with mandatory orientation dives in both systems during the guide training.

## **B. Diver Qualifications -**

Full cave certified

At least Normoxic Trimix certified

If wishing to use a DPV, must be cave DPV certified or equivalent experience

If sidemount diving, must have a sufficient length low pressure hose attached to their primary second stage to air share single file in an out of air emergency

Proof of at least 100 full cave dives, at least 12 in the last year

Proof of at least 10 dives below the depths of 150ft.

Proof of DAN insurance

Completion of Indian Springs Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk forms

## **C. Dive Profile and Planning**

Guided divers must swim dive at least 3 dives in the upstream and downstream directions prior to using DPV

No dives beyond the goldline either upstream or downstream, DPV or Swimming

ALL decompression and dive planning procedures to be approved by the guide prior to start of dive

Maximum of two travel stage bottles, one deep deco gas bottle, and one shallow deco gas bottle per diver.

The maximum ration of divers to guide is 2:1. No more than 3 persons in any dive team.

**No closed circuit or semi closed circuit rebreathers are allowed for guided divers at this time.**

Appropriate trimix gases must be used on every dive.

No more than two dives per day can be conducted.

#### **D. Indian Springs Access Policy**

Indian Springs will only be available for diving from September through late May each year. No diving to take place while campers are present at the site.

A maximum of four teams of three divers are allowed on any given day, with the start times scheduled in such a manner to assure that no more than two teams are in the cave system at any given time. (Reservations will be coordinated by the guide and Camp Indian Springs. The liability forms and a list of guides with their e-mail addresses will be posted online at [www.bigbenddiving.com/cisp](http://www.bigbenddiving.com/cisp) for qualified candidate divers to contact for setting up a date and time to dive.)

Parking and accessing the spring basin will be in areas specified by Camp Indian Springs.

All Camping will be arranged through the Camp Indian Springs.

All signed liability waivers and assumption of risk forms and copies of certification cards will be given to the Guide. It is the Guide's responsibility to ensure these documents are given to the Camp Director's Office.

No student training is to be conducted at Camp Indian Springs.

#### **E. Cost**

Guides will have to obtain their own liability insurance with a technical rider to cover them personally as a guide supervisor or equivalent. Experienced guides actively guiding in similar cave systems can sign a waiver forfeiting their right to obtain this insurance, if they opt not to purchase personal liability insurance. Camp Indian Springs will receive a recommended minimum of \$25.00 donation per diver. If divers camp a \$5.00 discount will be credited on both days' donations. This donation does not include the guide's fee.

It is recommended that the guided divers be charged a guide fee that will assist to cover the guide's personal liability insurance, the cost of the guides breathing medium, travel expenses (vehicle gas for travel). A recommended guide fee is between \$75-\$150.

If the guides reserve to dive without guiding a qualified diver, they must each pay the recommended entrance fee.

#### **F. Guide Agreement**

All guides must agree in writing to these policies. Any guide that violates any of these policies shall have their guide status revoked.

Guides must guide divers in the cave system at least five times a year to remain active.

All guides are approved and trained by the Project Director. All approved guides are recommended to the Camp Director for allowable access to guide qualified divers in the cave system.

It is also understood that the YMCA, Camp Indian Springs, nor any certifying agency or group is sanctioning the use of this facility for this purpose.

#### **G. Project Survey Team**

A survey team will be established from those surveyors whom are currently conducting the CIS Survey Project for the Camp and for scientific research purposes. These members will be allowed to do dives without the presence of a guide for the sole purposes of collecting survey information and maintaining the guidelines through the cave system. They will not be allowed to guide qualified cave divers while conducting survey activities. This team will report directly to the Project Director whom will report findings to the Camp Director. Each team member update their files at the Camp by completing an Assumption of Risk and all necessary liability waivers. All surveyors on the team must agree in writing to these policies. If any surveyor violates these policies, then they shall be removed from the team.

## **H. Filming and Photography**

All filming and photography projects must be requested through the Project Director whom will present the request to the Camp Director. If approved, all video and photos made must be shared with the camp for their use. The reproduction and sale of these photos without the Camp's permission is prohibited.