

PADI Texas Lone Star State Diver Distinctive Specialty Student Handout  
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1. Course Overview
  - a. The purpose of the Texas Lone Star State Diver Distinctive Specialty is to encourage divers to explore the many exciting diving opportunities within the state of Texas.
  - b. The objectives are that student divers will experience four different diving destinations within or bordering the state of Texas in the following ways:
    - i. Research and demonstrate knowledge of the destination.
    - ii. Successfully execute one dive per location noting at least three features such as aquatic life, natural formations, and man-made attractions unique to each site.
2. Course Requirements
  - a. Research: The student diver will research (via the Internet, magazines, books, or interviews) and complete the attached worksheet for each of the four dive locations. For an updated link list of location suggestions visit: <https://ocddivers.com/local-diving>
  - b. Dives: four dives conducted in locations each at least 25 miles apart, either under direct or indirect (on-site) instructor supervision. Depth and duration will be appropriate to the location but not to exceed certification limits of the student(s).
  - c. Check the calendar frequently at <https://ocddivers.com/calendar> for dates/times/locations of open-water diving opportunities.
  - d. For training purposes, three dives may be executed concurrently with dives for other specialty courses. One of the four dives must be unique to this specialty.
3. Dive procedures:
  - i. Safety measures and appropriate equipment for the destination.
  - ii. Pre-dive Safety Check (BWRAF).
  - iii. An entry appropriate for the environment.
  - iv. A tour of the underwater environment noting at least three underwater features unique to the site. These features can be aquatic life, natural formations, or man-made such as wrecks.
  - v. Safety Stop.
  - vi. exit appropriate for the dive destination.
  - vii. Log the dive with notes of the underwater features to be signed by the instructor.

PADI Texas Lone Star State Distinctive Specialty Student Completion Record

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor: Christopher DeClerk, PADI MI 238976

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Site 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Dive and Knowledge Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below I confirm the knowledge worksheet and dive for this location were both completed on the date above.

Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Site 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Dive and Knowledge Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Site 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Dive and Knowledge Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Site 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Dive and Knowledge Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Completion Certification Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I confirm successful completion of all four knowledge development worksheets and dives in four locations, within the state of Texas or from a vessel launched from a Texas shore. The requirements for the PADI Texas Lone Star State Diver Distinctive Specialty have been met as of the date above.

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The approximate time this site was built if man-made:

When this site became a dive destination:

Historical human interaction:

Aquatic life:

Entry techniques:

Special considerations:

Student Statement: I affirm I have researched this information in preparation to dive a destination in the State of Texas. This site is one of my four locations chosen for my Texas Lone Star State Diver Distinctive Specialty Certification.

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Student Signature                      Printed Name                      Date

Instructor Verification: The knowledge development requirements have been completed for this dive:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Christopher DeClerk 238976

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