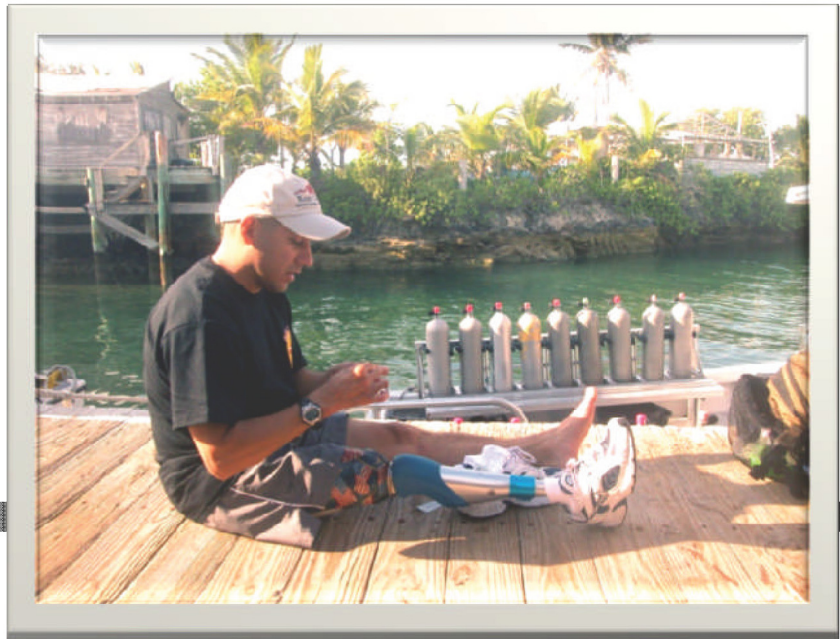


Dive Pirates Foundation

2011-2012 Sponsor Package



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August 1, 2011

Dear Colleague:

The Dive Pirates Foundation (www.divepirates.org) is a Texas non-profit organization dedicated to bringing scuba diving to persons with disabilities. What began in 2003 as a social club for divers has now been transformed into a non-profit foundation that teaches, equips and takes disabled persons on Caribbean scuba diving trips. While the program is open to all medically qualified disabled persons, Dive Pirates has chosen to focus on disabled military veterans that have sustained injuries in the battlefield. These men and women have sustained injuries and lost a part of their youth in combat; we hope to restore a sense of adventure, community and hope for these wounded warriors.

Dive Pirates is now embarking on its 8th year of operation and has successfully met its goals of continuous growth in each of our previous 7 years. We at Dive Pirates continue to break records with our latest trip to Cayman Brac: 90 travelers: 82 divers, 9 new adaptive students and 10 returning adaptive divers that self-funded their trip. Our success depends on many sources, and one of the largest sources is our **Annual Pirates Ball**. I am writing you to ask for your support for our program as a sponsor for this event which is scheduled **for Friday, February 17, 2012** at the **Intercontinental Hotel in Houston at the Galleria**. Our 10-person table sponsor packages include **Silver \$2,500, Gold \$5,000, Platinum \$7,500, and Titanium, \$10,000**. A registration form is appended to this letter and you can see our promotional videos from past trips at www.divepirates.org/multimedia.asp.

This year's dive travel event is scheduled for Cayman Brac, June 23-30, 2012. Through our sponsors and our 16 chapters, our program continues to grow in numbers and expand across the US. Our chapters have become an integral part of our identity and outreach to local communities in addition to our national campaign. As we did in 2011, we will reserve the entire Brac Reef Beach Resort for 80 persons and dive with Reef Divers II. In our history, we have trained 53 adaptive divers, and 23 adaptive divers have returned at their own expense to join these trips which is a testament to the success of scuba diving as a life-long activity for persons with disabilities.

Here is what some of our past recipients have to say about the program:

President-*Barbara Thompson* Vice President-*Sophie Wimberley* Secretary-*Hallie Byth* Treasurer-*Janice Byth*
Board of Directors -*Dave Allen*•*Bob Evans*•*Nettie Evans*•*Jose Grinan*•*Kevin Conner*•*Robin Reynolds*•*Mark Parker*•*Kurt Byth*•*Richard Wachowski*



Dawn Halfaker, US Army (Ret) – “Dive Pirates trained me and my buddy and brought others along to enjoy the trip with us. No other group is like this and I encourage anyone to get involved with Dive Pirates.” Dawn was the Keynote Speaker at the 2009 Pirates Ball, our Annual Fundraiser.

Nathan Gonzalez, USMC (Ret) – “I was a diver before my automobile accident and thought that I would never dive again once I was in a wheelchair – I even built a salt water aquarium in my home. Thank you, Dive Pirates, for getting me back to diving. I will continue to keep diving now.” Nathan was a 2008 recipient and returned in 2009 and 2010. He spoke at the 2010 Pirates Ball.



Sean Barr, USMC (Ret) – “I can’t say you aren’t paralyzed anymore when you are diving, but I can say you feel less paralyzed. I feel like I have my whole body back again.” Sean was our Keynote Speaker in 2008.

Kelly Knight – “Diving makes me feel free – like this is heaven.” Kelly organized a fund raiser after her trip in June 2008 – Music for Soldiers – in Corpus Christi, TX in October 2008. The funds she raised enabled an adaptive student, buddy and instructor to attend the 2009 trip.



Major Daniel Gade, US Army – “We had a GREAT time! You guys are awesome. It was worth the 3 years to wait between our training and our trip due to additional surgeries and my duties in the Army. We will be back.” Major Gade was the Keynote Speaker at the 2007 Pirates Ball.

Keith Deutsch, US Army (ret) – “I have always been an active, outdoor-oriented person and Dive Pirates has helped me find a way to be true to myself and my love of the outdoors after my injury.” Keith was the Keynote Speaker at the 2011 Pirates Ball.



Travis Clennon, US Army (ret) - “I’m still blown away that others sponsored me so that I could take part in this. I have other dives planned now and will pay it forward as the 2012 Keynote Speaker at the Pirates Ball.”

Your contribution as a sponsor will be recognized with acknowledgement in our 2012 event video and media coverage. The event video will be featured on our website www.divepirates.org and on YouTube.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (877) 393-3483. We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Theresa Brown Cortez
Executive Director, Dive Pirates Foundation

**Dive Pirates Foundation
Sponsorship Pledge Form and Receipt**



Name

Organization/Company Name

Address

City

State

Zip

email

Contact Phone Number

Sponsorship Pledge Check One

Diamond Over \$10,000

Titanium \$10,000

Platinum \$7,500

Gold \$5,000

Silver \$2,500

Other/Auction Item Description

Minimum Bid Required for Auction Item

Signature

Date

1. Please note that checks should be made Dive Pirates Foundation

Tax ID 20-2464393

2. Send all correspondence to:

Dive Pirate's Foundation
70 W Thymewood Place
The Woodlands, TX 77382
divepirates@divepirates.org

Authorized by: _____

Date: _____

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
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CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **FEB 23 2006**

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700 E 12TH 1/2 STREET
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20-2464393
DLN:
17053215048005
Contact Person: MICHELLE A GLUTZ ID# 31213
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
April 15, 2005
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Advance Ruling Ending Date:
December 31, 2009

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. During your advance ruling period, you will be treated as a public charity. Your advance ruling period begins with the effective date of your exemption and ends with advance ruling ending date shown in the heading of the letter.

Shortly before the end of your advance ruling period, we will send you Form 8734, Support Schedule for Advance Ruling Period. You will have 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period to return the completed form. We will then notify you, in writing, about your public charity status.

Please see enclosed Information for Exempt Organizations Under Section 501(c)(3) for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

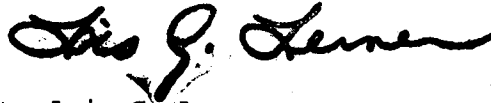
If you distribute funds to other organizations, your records must show whether they are exempt under section 501(c)(3). In cases where the recipient organization is not exempt under section 501(c)(3), you must have evidence the funds will be used for section 501(c)(3) purposes.

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DIVE PIRATES FOUNDATION

If you distribute funds to individuals, you should keep case histories showing the recipient's name and address; the purpose of the award; the manner of selection; and the relationship of the recipient to any of your officers, directors, trustees, members, or major contributors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lois G. Lerner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L".

Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Information for Organizations Exempt Under Section 501(c) (3)
Statute Extension