

## MISSION

The Oceans for Youth Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization designed to actively promote underwater education and an appreciation and respect for the ocean in today's youth.

It is the foundation's belief that a young person introduced early to the wonders of the ocean will become more environmentally aware and practice lifelong attitudes of ocean conservation, preservation and protection.

Using a nationwide force of concerned volunteers armed with a variety of educational tools, the Foundation will fund and organize specific programs that will help young people become more aware and interested in the aquatic environment.



2006 Campers at Little Cayman Beach Resort



Thank you  
to our annual host site

LITTLE  
CAYMAN  
BEACH  
RESORT  
&  
REEF DIVERS



Logan with Reef Divers Instructor, Adrienne Gittus



Visiting with the iguanas



Andrew fitting gear  
at Reef Divers

### For camp information

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## 3rd Annual IN-WATER EXPERIENCE CAMP FOR THE COGNITIVELY IMPAIRED

Little Cayman Beach Resort & Reef Divers  
Little Cayman  
Cayman Islands, B.V.I.



Reef Divers Instructor, Ron Thompson and Timmy

**JULY 14 - 21, 2007**

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A BEGINNING STEP TO  
UNDERWATER EXPLORATION



Derrick, Autistic, Age 17  
2006 Camper

Letter from Betty, Derrick's mom:  
*"Derrick is doing great and is definitely hooked on diving! He came home and said he wanted to take "talking classes" so he could talk to his new friends at scuba camp. That has been so revealing to me to realize he wanted to say so much and talk with everyone, but could not get out what he was thinking and feeling. He is working so hard at speech right now as we told him speech is talking classes. It is exciting to see him so motivated and I truly believe it is because of his experience with Oceans for Youth...Tears are always close at hand when we tell people of this experience."*



Derrick with Instructor Liz Blengino



Derrick with HSA Instructor Jim Elliott

## PROGRAM GOALS

- ★ Increased self respect
- ★ Increased independence and self reliance
- ★ Increased motor and communication skills
- ★ Appreciation for the undersea world
- ★ Respect for our environment
- ★ Enthusiasm for group participation
- ★ FUN...FUN...FUN



## CAMP ACTIVITIES

SWIMMING

SCUBA DIVING

SNORKELING

SPORT FISHING

SAILING & KAYAKING

MARINE ID PROGRAM

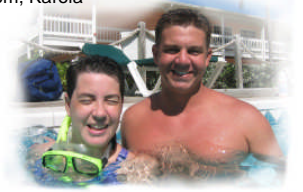
LAND EXCURSIONS



Ingrid snorkeling with her Mom, Karola



Andrew with Dive Master, Ruth Lowther



Ingrid and Instructor Mike Thompson



John



Preparing for 1st (shore) dive

## SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES

- A \$5000 Sponsorship provides camper & parent WITH
- ★ Pool & OW training (Discover Scuba) from a chartered boat
  - ★ Watersports equipment use
  - ★ Accommodations & meals
  - ★ Transportation to and from camp to home airport
  - ★ Social activities