The Adventure:

If your Patrol is interested in getting SCUBA certified, a great way to test the waters and get comfortable with some of the gear is to plan a snorkeling outing. This is a fun way to get used to spending a lot of the time in the water while wearing fins, seeing through a mask and breathing through a snorkel—which, at first, can be a little harder than you expect!

Plan an outing to a safe swim area where you can get used to your snorkel gear. To keep things interesting, play some games. Divide your Patrol into even smaller groups and challenge one another with a treasure or scavenger hunt. You can also set up a shallow-water obstacle course, or play a simple game of snorkel tag. What other snorkelling games can you imagine?

Safety note:

While you don’t need a certified dive instructor to go snorkeling, your Patrol does require appropriate supervision for a swimming activity. Consult Scouts Canada’s Swimming Standards.

Online Resources:

- Have Safe Fun in the Sun!
- Outdoor Adventure Skills
- Rick Goes Snorkeling with the Salmon
- Rick Goes Snorkelling with Seals

Plan:

- When and where will you have your snorkelling Adventure?
- What Adventure-specific equipment do you need? Where will you get it?
- What is your budget for this Adventure? Where will the money come from?
- How long will this Adventure take? What related supplies do you need?
- Has everyone agreed on all the details?

Do:

- Enjoy a snorkeling Adventure as a Patrol.

Review:

- What do you know now that you did not know before?
- How did you feel before, during and after this experience?
- How did this Adventure surprise you?
- How did your Patrol divide up the tasks?
- How can you build on this experience?