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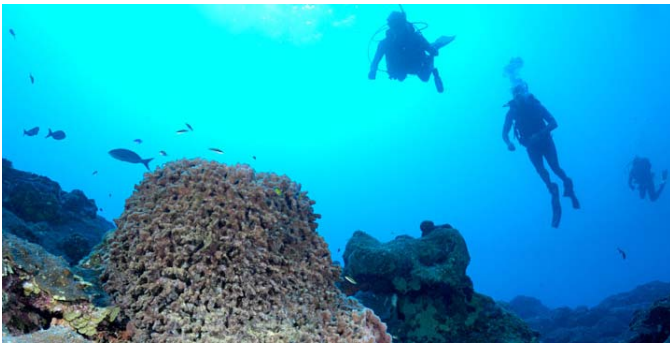


Down Under, Out Yonder

"Down Under, Out Yonder" (DUOY) is a five-day workshop that includes three days of scuba diving (July 13-15).

"Corals to Classrooms" is the first two-days of land-based workshop without the additional scuba component (July 11-12).

Down Under, Out Yonder coral reef workshop and scuba trip is sponsored annually by the Gulf of Mexico Foundation for K-12 and college entry educators, nationwide. ConocoPhillips was the sponsor for DUOY 2008.



During the land-based weekend, DUOY participants attend the [Corals to Classroom](#) workshop in Galveston, Texas, featuring guest speakers and educational materials to bring back to the classroom. Afterwards participants travel to Freeport, Texas, for three days of scuba diving board the MV Fling, a 100-foot live-aboard dive boat operated by [Gulf Diving LLC](#). Non-diving educators may participate only in Corals to Classroom and forego the DUOY dive component of the workshop.

Educators of all levels will walk away from the workshop experience with the means to actively involve their students in the learning process, expose them to scientific research, and share personal experiences about the challenge of fieldwork.



Through providing educators with this hands-on field experience, the [Gulf of Mexico Foundation](#) hopes to encourage interest in and conservation of these important habitats. The DUOY program offers 28 hours of Texas State Board for Educator Certification.

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Coral reef ecology workshop for educators