



Polar Plunge: swimming in icy water

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1. What is the name of the event?

- the Polar Plunge
- the Plunge Polar
- the Plunger

3. There was a lot of "anticipation in the air".

What does that mean?

- People were waiting for something
- People were excited to do something
- People were scared to do something

5. What are the participants raising money for?

- The special Olympics
- The summer Olympics
- The winter Olympics

7. Has there ever been an emergency at Lake of Woods?

- No, not ever
- Yes, there was one emergency
- Every year there is an emergency

2. How many people threw their coats and gloves to the side?

- More than 200 people
- More than 300 people
- More than 100 people

4. "Jumped into the ___ cold lake of the woods"

- iced
- ice
- icy

6. How much money have they raised so far?

- More than \$20,000
- More than \$40,000
- More than \$50,000

Transcript

We've all been trying to avoid the snow and ice, but today, more than a hundred dove into it headfirst. It was all for this year's Polar Plunge in Mahomet. All these people turned themselves into walking snowmen to raise money for Special Olympics Illinois. WCIA 3's Megan Villa is here, but she was there, and Megan a great turnout this year.

That's right Jeff. The Lake of the Woods was packed. I was freezing and all I did was watch, but more than a hundred people threw their gloves, coat and scarves to the side for a great cause.

I'm probably crazy, but it's a lot of fun.

There was a lot of anticipation in the air as more than 100 people got ready to take the plunge.

I gotta carry her in, so it's going to be a slow approach, then I'm just gonna jump in right afterwards.

I am waterproof.

Some were barefoot, shirtless, and some dressed like a fairy.

Are you nervous to jump in there?

No. I'm just ready to get it done.

Organizations from all over central Illinois, including a few familiar faces, jumped into the icy cold Lake of the Woods for people like Nicholas Ferris.

It's great. The time of your life really. If I didn't do this, I would not be having fun in my

life.

He says the Special Olympics has given him the opportunity to be himself and today he fits right in.

Totals are still being counted, but so far the event has raised more than five, sorry, fifty thousand dollars, and Jeff, I almost messed up that number because all I can think about is you diving headfirst into Lake of the Woods.

That's fantastic to hear that amount of money. I know our team raised nearly five hundred, but fifty thousand dollars for such a great cause. Thanks a lot Meagan.

While the event was all about having fun, it was also about staying safe. Ambulance was standing by for plungers and other crowd members. EMTs were joined by the Corn Belt diving team with rafts and diving suits ready. The main concerns were water safety and preventing hypothermia.

We're here dedicated to this day. To make sure that, you know, everybody goes home safe at the end of the day.

According to the experts, in all the years Mahomet has hosted a Polar Plunge, there has thankfully never been an emergency rescue.