

Polar Bear Plunge set for today

Event to benefit Safe Harbor

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

WHAT: Polar Bear Plunge

WHEN: Registration, 10:30 a.m.; Event at noon today

WHERE: Lake Keowee Marina

PURPOSE: To benefit Safe Harbor of Oconee County

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SENECA — Although this winter has been much milder than a year ago, that doesn't mean the time is right to plunge into Lake Keowee.

However, that's exactly what a group of individuals are planning to do today in order to benefit an organization that assists battered women in Oconee and three other counties.

The second-annual Polar Bear Plunge, hosted by the Seneca Jr. Women's Club, will take place at the Tiki Hut and Keowee Marina, on Old Salem Road, with registration starting at 10:30 a.m. and the event at noon. The purpose is to help in the efforts to secure a safe house or shelter for women and children in

Oconee County who are the victims of domestic abuse.

Safe Harbor provides safe emergency shelter, counseling, legal advocacy and

community outreach and education in Oconee, Pickens, Anderson and Greenville counties. Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the organization

provides women and children a place to sleep, a place to eat and the comforts of home as well as assistance with legal proceedings, finding a new job or finding safe and affordable housing.

Registration is \$30 per person for non-athletes. All athletes from Seneca High School and Seneca Middle School can plunge into Lake Keowee for free. Athletes must wear Seneca Bobcat apparel and sign in at the registration desk. The event will feature bouncy slides, music and DJ, coffee, hot chocolate and food.

Jumpers need to be registered no later than 11 a.m. The DJ will be on hand to announce the names of each participant prior to them taking the plunge.

All participants are asked to bring their own towels and can either jump from a platform or walk in through the boat slip area. All participants must sign a waiver and EMS will be on hand to provide medical assistance.

For more information on the Polar Bear Plunge, contact Stephanie Page at (864) 245-1385 or clemsonpage@hotmail.com.

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School District of Oconee County Superintendent Mike Lucas, second from left, was among the local celebrities taking part in the inaugural "Polar Bear Plunge" at Lake

Keowee Marina in 2011. The event raised more than \$7,000 to benefit Safe Harbor. This year's plunge will take place today at noon.

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