# Polar Bear Plunge to benefit Safe Harbor

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SENECA — Oconee County Sheriff Mike Crenshaw will join a number of other local officials who will literally take the plunge Saturday to raise money to build a shelter for battered women in the county.

The Seneca Junior Woman's Club is again hosting the third annual Polar Bear Plunge that is taking place this year at the Lighthouse Restaurant on Lake Keowee. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. and the plunge is at noon, with children and adults of all ages welcome to attend.

In addition to Crenshaw, assistant 10th Circuit Solicitor Lindsey Simmons and attorney Wilson Burr are also scheduled to plunge into Lake Keowee.

"The goal is to raise $10,000 as a club," said club president Stephanie Page.

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.

The purpose of the fundraiser is to help in the efforts to secure a house or shelter for women and children in Oconee County.

Registration is $25 for adults, $15 for teenagers and students and $10 for children 12 and under. Jumpers need to be registered no later than 11 am. The event will feature games, music, food and even a costume contest.

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 if needed.

Page said "Too Chicken to Plunge" T-shirts will also be available as long as supplies last.

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