



December 26, 2023

Dear Friend,

Are you ready Warren for the Polar Bear Plunge? We know that Warren has been freezin for a reason for many years. It may be a warm-hearted way to raise funds for those in need in our community, or a way to check off an item on your bucket list! Whatever the reason maybe we need people like you to grin and "Bear" it. Take the plunge into the icy waters of Chapman State Park this February. The Warren County Winterfest will be held on February 2-3rd, 2024, of which the Polar Bear Plunge is a spectacle of an event. The 2024 Plunge will begin at 2:00 pm on Saturday February 3rd, 2024.

We are hoping you are ready and willing to be freezing for a reason and participate in the plunge this year! The Salvation Army relies on the Polar Bear Plunge to provide assistance and programing to those in need in our community.

New this year is Save or Plunge the Officer! If you cannot make the plunge yourself. You can participate by donating to either Save Major Dorothy from going in or have her take her very first plunge! We also will be having trophies for the most raised and most creative costume going in.

Attached you will find a copy of the Polar Bear Plunge Sponsor Sheet, what to expect the day of the plunge and tips for fund raising for the event. We say challenge your friends and family to consider joining us in this fun event. As a Thank you for joining us and raising \$50.00 or more we will gift you a T-Shirt. All monies must be returned by February 2, at The Salvation Army on 311 Beech.

Thank you in advance for your support of The Salvation Army of Warren County's Polar Bear Plunge.

Sincerest Blessings,

Majors Shane and Dorothy Budd

Commanding Officers

Warren County

**WARREN COUNTY WINTERFEST RELEASE OF LIABILITY,  
WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, do hereby release and waive any claim which may have, for ourselves our minor children, either as parent or as legal guardian for the same, from any liability arising from any nature whatsoever, regarding participation in any event related to the Warren County Winterfest and the Salvation Army, and the Polar Bear Plunge of 2024, as to any claim, whether personal injury or property damage, against, the Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry, the Salvation Army, the Warren County Winterfest Committee, Chapman State Park, or any sponsoring organizations.

I/We understand that participating in any event related to Winterfest 2024 may be dangerous, and may carry with it certain risks, I/We hereby assume all risks of injury or property damage arising from our participation, or the participation of any minor, either as a parent or legal guardian, for whom I have a legal right to sign this release. I hereby certify that I have the legal right to sign this release on behalf of any such minor.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry, the Salvation Army, the Warren County Winterfest Committee, Chapman State Park, or any sponsors, and organizations assisting with the event from any personal injury or property damage which may befall me or the persons for whom I sign this release. The Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry, the Winterfest Committee, Chapman State Park, and the Salvation Army or their officer or members, are not responsible for any liability, damages, actions, suits, judgements, claims or any demands whatsoever, in law or in equity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Participant

**Parent or Legal Guardian Endorsement**

I hereby certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,  
the above minor child. I understand that for my child to participate or participate in any of the Warren County Winterfest or the Salvation Army, I must sign this waiver agreeing to terms above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**WinterFest**  
**2024**  
**Polar Bear Plunge Fundraiser**  
**February 3, 2024**

Chapman Lake Plunge

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2024 Polar Bear Plunge  
Sponsor Sheet

	Name	Address	Phone Number	Pledge amount	5.00 Pledge to Save or Plunge Major Budd
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Minimum of 20.00 to participate in plunge. 50.00 per person registered raised get polar plunge t-shirt.

Sign sheets must be turned in by February 1, 2024, at 311 Beech St. All contributions made by check must be payable to The Salvation Army.

## **What to Bring**

- A towel to warm up and dry off with
- Old shoes, aquatic shoes, etc. It is suggested that all Plungers wear shoes to Plunge. You'll be standing outside on cold, and sometimes wait a moment for others to jump, so please wear a pair of shoes that you don't mind getting wet. Don't forget to bring a pair of dry shoes to wear afterwards!
- A duffel bag, backpack, grocery bag, garbage bag, etc. It's a good idea to bring a bag for dry clothes and your Plunge incentive as well as a plastic bag for your wet clothes after you've Plunged.
- Dry replacement clothes. After you're done Plunging, it's nice to have some warm and dry clothes for the journey home.
- Another Plunger. Recruit a friend, family member, co-worker or acquaintance and get them to take the Plunge with you. It's always more fun with friends!

## **Day of Event Registration (Check In) Tips**

- Ensure you have completed your fundraising efforts, and have organized all your cash and checks
- All participants must check in prior to Plunging to turn in funds, receive their incentives and receive Plunger access materials to be allowed to the site.

## **Safety Tips**

- All Plungers must wear shoes. Secured footwear is preferred—no flip flops!
- Do NOT dive or flip into the water. This is a safety precaution for all Plungers that is strictly enforced.
- We advise you not to Plunge after drinking alcohol. Intoxicated people will not be permitted to Plunge.
- Wear a costume that's appropriate and non-discriminatory. Anyone wearing an offensive costume won't be allowed to Plunge.
- Leave valuables at home or with a spectator. The Salvation Army and Winterfest is not responsible for items that are lost or stolen.
- Try not to run out of the water after your Plunge. Keep in mind that everything is wet and slippery. Be careful as you make your way to the warming and changing areas.

## **Miscellaneous Tips**

- Wear your Plunge costume under the outfit you wear to the event. This way, you don't have to worry about changing and can stay warm longer!
- Bring along warm clothes to wear after you Plunge that are easy to put on. The last thing you want to deal with when you're cold and wet are clumsy zippers and buttons!
- Invite a friend to watch, take pictures and hold onto your dry stuff for you.