

Dear Polar Bear –



This will be our final Bear blast before the plunge! The Lewes Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics Delaware will take place as planned, **March 14 at 1:00pm**, in Rehoboth Beach, Del. All events planned for the festival weekend, March 12-14 will take place as planned.

Weather

The weather forecast is calling for rain on Saturday, March 13, and fewer showers (30%) for Sunday, March 14, with a high of 58 degrees. More severe weather is predicted to fall north of Sussex County.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight saving time will occur Saturday evening. Please remember before going to bed Saturday night, to **change your clocks ahead by one hour.**

Boardwalk Construction

The boardwalk, from Rehoboth Ave., north, is still under construction. There will be limited access to the boardwalk from Rehoboth Ave. We recommend accessing the boardwalk from Wilmington Ave., Delaware Ave., Brooklyn Ave. or Laurel Ave. Please refer to the attached map to help you navigate the area.

Polar Bear Headquarters

Atlantic Sands Hotel
Ballroom, 3rd Floor
Baltimore Ave and the Boardwalk (See attached map)

Polar Bear Plunge Registration

Registration for the Plunge will take place as follows:

Friday March 12, 5:00pm to 8:00pm, Atlantic Sands Hotel. Bears who register Friday evening will be entered into a drawing for a 19" TV and restaurant gift certificates. The drawing will take place at the close of registration Friday evening (approximately 8:00pm)

Saturday, March 13, 11:00am to 9:00pm, Atlantic Sands Hotel

Sunday, March 14, 10am to Plunge, tents located at the base of Rehoboth Ave. and the Boardwalk (near the Bandstand)

Please note – bears must register in person. We're sorry – but friends may not register friends. We require a live signature on our waiver form. We appreciate your understanding of this requirement.

Firstgiving

For bears using **Firstgiving**, donations made on your Firstgiving page through March 10, 2010 will be noted on your Registration form. Feel free to bring a copy of your page to registration and donations made after March 10 will be accepted. SODE will continue to monitor all Firstgiving pages in the months following the Plunge to ensure you receive credit for all funds raised, and will mail incentive gifts as appropriate.

Souvenirs

We have added new items this year: hoodie sweatshirts, car magnets, window clings and an expanded line of Tervis Tumblers. We also have Kelly green huggies commemorating our re-scheduled **O'Plunge** to March!

Weekend Festival Activities

5K Run/Walk to the Plunge: Saturday, March 13, 2:00pm (note time change) Registration for this event will take place Friday evening from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the Atlantic Sands Hotel (PB Registration) and again on Saturday in the tent at the base of Rehoboth Ave. and the Boardwalk starting at 12 noon.

Ice Sculpting Demonstration: Saturday, March 13, begins 10:00am; judging at 2:30pm. Located in and around the Rehoboth Beach Bandstand, Rehoboth Ave. and the Boardwalk.

Restaurant Chili Contest: Saturday, March 13, 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Sample chili from 12 participating restaurants and vote for your favorite! Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at participating restaurants and at Polar Bear Registration. Please see attached Restaurant and Retailer Map. Maps available at all participating restaurants, retailers and at Polar Bear Registration.

Polar Bear Discounts: More than 35 businesses located in downtown Rehoboth and on Rt. 1 are offering bear discounts. Please see attached Restaurant and Retailers Map for a listing of all participating businesses, their discounts and location. Maps available at all participating restaurants, retailers and at Polar Bear Registration.

Decorate-a-Polar Bear: Children under 12 can pick up a card to decorate at participating retailers and at Plunge Registration. Visit a minimum of 4 retailers and receive a plush polar bear, while supplies last. Completed cards should be redeemed at Souvenirs.

We look forward to seeing you this weekend! Safe travels to Rehoboth Beach! Ann

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