



# taking the **plunge**

## CAMPUS POLICE ATTRACTS PARTICIPANTS TO PLUNGE IN ICY WATERS

*The Polar Plunge, started in 2006 and hosted by Campus Police, takes Lake Raleigh on Centennial Campus and attracts some 50 individuals who raise money to support the Special Olympics by jumping in water usually hovering just below 50 degrees. In 2009, Campus Police department organizers added a 5K Polar Run.*

“My first impression of the event was that it was a little crazy to jump into a lake in winter

just to raise money,” said former event organizer Officer Steve Carlton. “But when I saw how many people participated and how the University supported it, I thought it was a great effort. The festival atmosphere of the whole event makes for a great day all around. I was proud to become a part of it.”

The event is held each year in late February. Participants in the Polar Plunge and 5k raised an estimated \$50,000 in 2012.



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