



Freezin' for a Reason Celina Lodge 1473 Hosts annual Grand Lake St Marys Polar Plunge for 11th Year



For the last 11 years, the Celina Moose Lodge has been the place to be to help raise money for a good cause.

The annual Grand Lake St Marys Polar Plunge brought in people from around the state to brave the cold water in an effort to help out Special Olympics Ohio. The Ohio State Moose Association is a partner for the Polar Plunge, and they say that they help Ohio Special Olympics in a few different ways during the year.



"We have all kinds of fundraisers; our lodges raise money and donate to the Special Olympics, putting on these events here like this is a lot of fun, and it helps the community out," said Gene Morelli, Tent Town Chairman for the Ohio State Moose Association. "I like to work with children, we do a lot with children for the Moose Association."

Participants in the plunge raised pledges and some even dressed up in costume for the occasion, eventually running into the cold waters for some "freezin' for a reason". Seeing so many people willing to support the Special Olympics is a wonderful thing for organizers of the event.



"It's heartwarming to see all the families, all the community support, all of the Moose and the Moose volunteers, but also the community really does go out and for athletes, coaches, and families to feel this much love and support - when we talk about an 'inclusion revolution' with Special Olympics, the Moose really make us feel that," said Rob DuVall, VP of Marketing and Development for Special Olympics Ohio.

Organizers say that the event raised around \$25,000 for Ohio Special Olympics.

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