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**THE MARGATE RESORT WILL HOST THE WINNI DIP ON SATURDAY AND THE HIGH SCHOOL DIP ON SUNDAY**

**Laconia, New Hampshire** – On Saturday, Law Enforcement personnel and community members will show their commitment to the mission of Special Olympics New Hampshire by jumping into the icy water of Lake Winnepesaukee dressed in their best Disney outfits. On Sunday, High School students, faculty and staff will take the “Dip” as their favorite Wizard of Oz characters.

The Winni Dip is part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, a year round partnership between law enforcement and Special Olympics that raises funds and awareness for the athletes of SONH. “The partnership between Special Olympics and New Hampshire’s Law Enforcement is a great one. The members of LETR help us throughout the year – not only by raising funds for our organization – but also by handing out medals to our athletes at competition,” said Mary Conroy, SONH President. Over the course of the more than 30 year partnership, Law Enforcement in New Hampshire has raised more than \$3.8 million to support Special Olympics New Hampshire. “The partnership simply makes Special Olympics better,” Conroy said.

**Winni Dip Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

***The Margate at the Lakefront***

***Costume Parade & Dip - 11:30 am***

The event is open to the public. Dippers will parade in their costumes before dipping into the icy Lake Winnepesaukee. Admission is free for anyone who wishes to attend.

***Post Dip Lunch & Celebration - 12:30 pm***

Dippers and their guests will be treated to a warm meal followed by an awards ceremony. Admission is \$20 per person and space is limited.

**High School Dip Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

***The Margate at the Lakefront***

***Costume Parade & Dip - 11:30 am***

The event is open to the public. Dippers will parade in their costumes before dipping into the icy Lake Winnepesaukee. Admission is free for anyone who wishes to attend.

***Post Dip Lunch & Celebration - 12:30 pm***

Dippers and their guests will be treated to a warm meal followed by an awards ceremony. Admission is \$20 per person and space is limited.

Registration is still open for anyone interested in Dipping and can be done online at [www.sonh.org](http://www.sonh.org) until midnight the day before the event or in person Dip Day. Saturday Dippers commit to raising \$25 and Sunday’s High School dippers need to raise \$175.

The Winni Dip is supported by Merrimack Village Savings Bank, Circle K, Irving , McDonalds – The Napoli Group , Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Northern New England , Marshalls Tent and Event Rentals , TD Bank , Paul Goyette and Michelle Wheeler of Northeast Planning Associates, Applebee’s , Associated Grocer – Sully’s/Harvest Market/Vista , WOKQ, WMUR , Knights of Columbus , Law Enforcement for Special Olympics, Hometown Foundation, Special Olympics Project Unify and Special Olympics Healthy Athletes.

For more information on Special Olympics New Hampshire and the Winni Dip visit [www.sonh.org](http://www.sonh.org).

**About the Law Enforcement Torch Run**

Law Enforcement Torch Run is a year-round fundraising and public awareness campaign that provides financial support to Special Olympics New Hampshire. The Torch Run involves carrying the Special Olympics Torch, called the Flame of Hope, in a series of relay runs, across New Hampshire to the Opening Ceremonies of the State Summer Games. Since its inception in 1985, the Torch Run has raise \$3,138,158 to benefit the athletes of SONH.

**About Special Olympics New Hampshire**

Special Olympics New Hampshire (SONH) is an accredited program of Special Olympics International (SOI) and is part of an international global movement that changes lives by encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities, promoting acceptance for all, and fostering communities of understanding and respect worldwide. SONH was founded in 1970 with the first State Summer Games at Phillips Exeter Academy. For more information visit [www.sonh.org](http://www.sonh.org).

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