



PORTAGE LAKES POLAR  
BEAR CLUB PRESENTS

# 17th Annual Polar Bear Jump

COME MAKE A SPLASH ON  
FEBRUARY 29, 2020



PROCEEDS BENEFITING



Ronald  
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House<sup>®</sup>  
Akron



**JUMP BEGINS AT 2:00PM**

**PORTAGE LAKES STATE PARK AT THE SWIM BEACH**  
(5031 Manchester Rd - Akron, Ohio 44319)

\$30 minimum donation to register

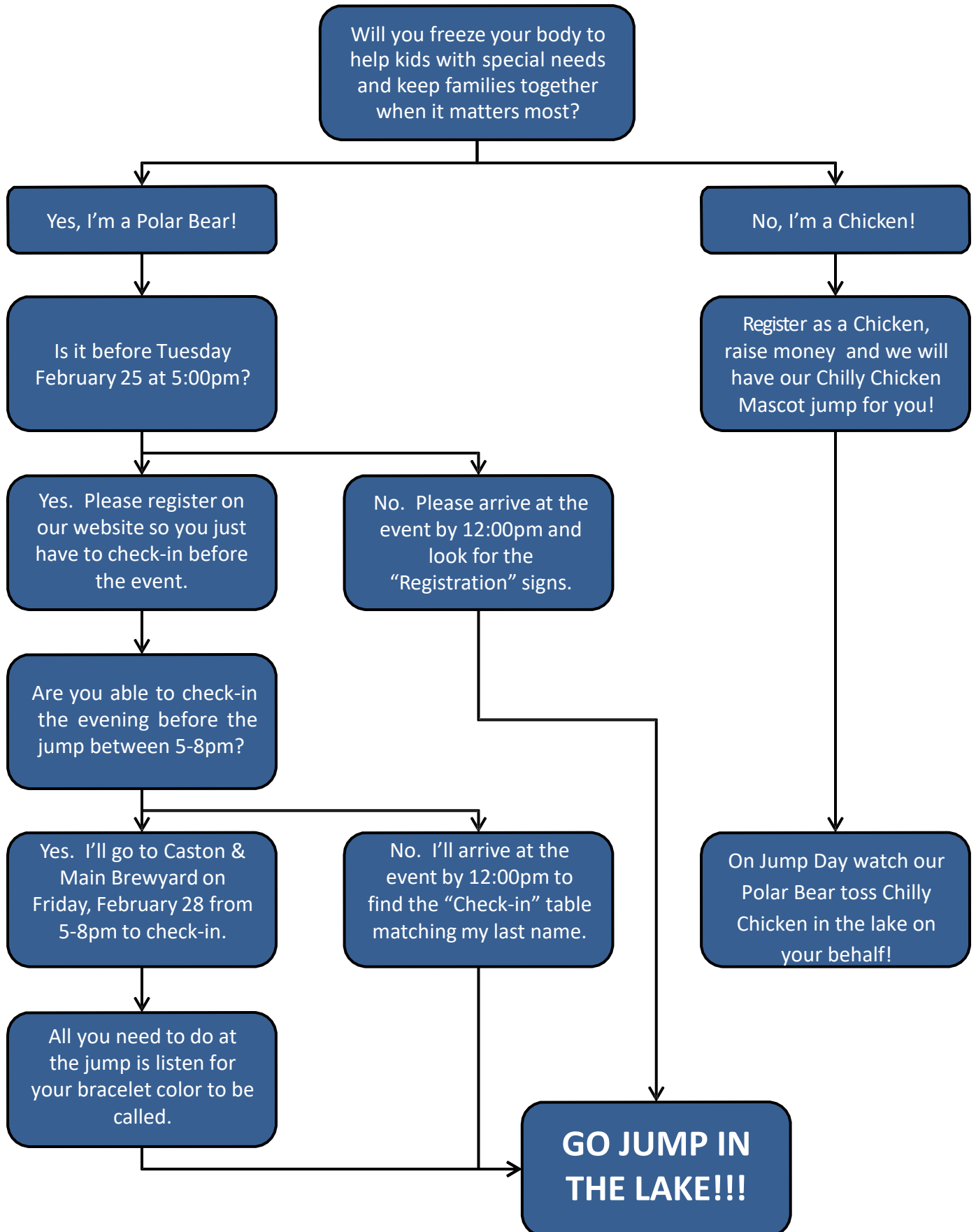
Collect \$100+ to receive t-shirt | Collect \$500+ to become a VIPB

For all the details visit our website:

**[www.PortageLakesPolarBearClub.com](http://www.PortageLakesPolarBearClub.com)**



# HOW TO PARTICIPATE





# HELPFUL HINTS FOR JUMPERS

We're happy for your support of Akron Rotary Camp and the Ronald McDonald House of Akron through this unique event. Jumping into frigid water in winter isn't something people do every day, so here are some tips:

**SAFETY FIRST:** We have and emergency personnel on-site and in the water to protect you. If you have questions about jumping with a medical condition, please consult your doctor before the event.

**CARPOOL:** Parking can be crowded, so help us out by meeting friends nearby and sharing a ride to the beach parking lot. Don't let limited parking limit our fundraising efforts!

**ARRIVE EARLY:** Arrive by 12:00pm for registration / check-in and to get your jumper bracelet. You cannot jump without a bracelet. There will be NO registrations after 1:40pm.

**TAILGATING:** Feel free to bring fun and games to the event. Alcohol is prohibited in the park. Please obey and respect Park Officers and Fire Department personnel, they are here to help!

**BLANKETS & TOWELS:** Bring an old blanket to put down on the beach to use as a seat. As the ground might be wet or snow-covered, consider putting a plastic tarp down first so your blanket doesn't get wet.

**SET UP CAMP:** After registration / check-in, find a place for your blanket and stuff. This will save you any last minute rush when your jumper group is called. Go explore the event, get some food, buy a 50/50 ticket, meet your fellow jumpers and take photos. Don't leave any valuables unattended at your blanket.

**JUMP ATTIRE:** Costumes aren't required, but add to the festivities. This is a family event, so jumpers wearing inappropriate attire may be asked to leave. Wear your jumping clothes under the outfit you wear to the event. This way, you don't have to worry about changing and can stay warm longer!

**PROTECTIVE FOOTWEAR:** Wear something on your feet, i.e., old tennis shoes or "aqua socks," etc. to prevent cuts on your feet from the ice and to prevent your feet from sticking to the snow, ice, and dirt on shore.

**DO YOU WEAR GLASSES?** We suggest you use an athletic band to hold them to your face, or not wear them at all! If you lose them in the lake it's a little cold to go looking.

**PROCEED WITH CAUTION!** Keep in mind that the ice and docks are wet and slippery. Be careful before you jump and especially right after. Take your time as you make your way to the changing tents.

**SAVOR THE MOMENT:** When your jumper group is called, the jump will be over before your goose bumps know what hit them, so savor the moment out in the lake in front of your fellow Polar Bears. "High Fives" and "Loud Cheers" never feel so good and you've got 365 days until next time!

**CHANGING AFTER THE JUMP:** The quickest way to warm up is get your wet clothes off. We have heated women's and men's changing tents right on the beach. Have a dry change of clothes and shoe change into. A fleece works great as a base layer. Bring a plastic bag for your wet clothes.



# REGISTRATION / CHECK-IN

## ONLINE REGISTRATION

With tremendous growth in the number of jumpers, we encourage you to register online to help shorten lines and improve your jumping experience. Things to know about online registration:

- Online registration is open until Tuesday, February 25th at 8:00pm.
- You must raise a minimum of \$30 online or bring when you check-in.
- When registered online, you can check-in the evening before the event, see EARLY CHECK-IN section below.
- If you don't check-in early, on the day of the jump go to the "check-in" table that matches the first letter of your last name. Do not get in line for "registration". You should still arrive by 12:00pm for check-in.
- You will have the option to purchase an event t-shirt online which will be given to you upon check-in.
- If jumping with a group, setup a team when you register so we can keep you together.
- The sooner you register online, the earlier you will be in jumping order.

## EARLY CHECK-IN

If you have completed online registration, you can check in the evening before the event, Friday, February 28 from 5:00-8:00pm at the Caston & Main Brewery located at 5010 S Main St Akron OH 44319.

- Please be sure to bring your driver's license as well as your donations or we cannot check you in.
- We will place a non-removable bracelet on you which you must wear in order to jump.
- If you complete early check-in you don't have to do anything on the day of the event aside from listen for your jumper group to be called. Please be sure to arrive early as parking will be limited.
- New registrations will not be taken on Friday. If you didn't register online, you must register at the event.

## DAY OF EVENT CHECK-IN

If you have completed online registration and plan on checking-in on the day of the event, please look for the "check-in" table that matches the first letter of your last name. Do not get in line for "registration".

- Tables will be arranged alphabetically, e.g. A-E, F-J, K-P, Q-S, T-Z.
- Please be sure to bring your driver's license as well as your donations or we cannot check you in.

## DAY OF EVENT REGISTRATION

If you did not get the opportunity to register in advance online, don't worry, there will be registration on the day of the event just as we have always had in the past. Get in line for registration, "not check-in".

- Registering on the day of the event doesn't mean you'll be jumping last. We will be mixing in jumpers who registered online with those who registered on the day of the event.
- Those who register earlier on the day of the event will jump earlier in the day than those who register late.

## JUMPING AS A GROUP

If you plan on jumping with a group of friends, we strongly recommend you setup a team name online and each of you individually register under that team name. Your team does not have to check-in at the same time.

**\*\* JUMPERS UNDER AGE 18 \*\***

**You must have a parent/guardian present upon packet pickup or registration with identification to sign waiver.**



# PLEDGE FORM

## 2020 Polar Bear Jump – It's for the Kids!

*Make all checks payable to either Akron Rotary Camp or Ronald McDonald House of Akron*

\_\_\_\_\_  
JUMPER'S NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
HOME PHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
WORK OR CELL

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY                      STATE                      ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
GROUP / ORGANIZATION (if applicable)

Sponsor Name	Sponsor Address	Phone	Pledge
Jane Doe	1234 Manchester Rd Akron OH 44319	330-555-1234	\$30.00

Your friends can also donate to you online at: <http://www.portagelakespolarbearclub.com>

**\$30 minimum donation to register • \$100 receives a free t-shirt • \$500 makes you a VIPB**

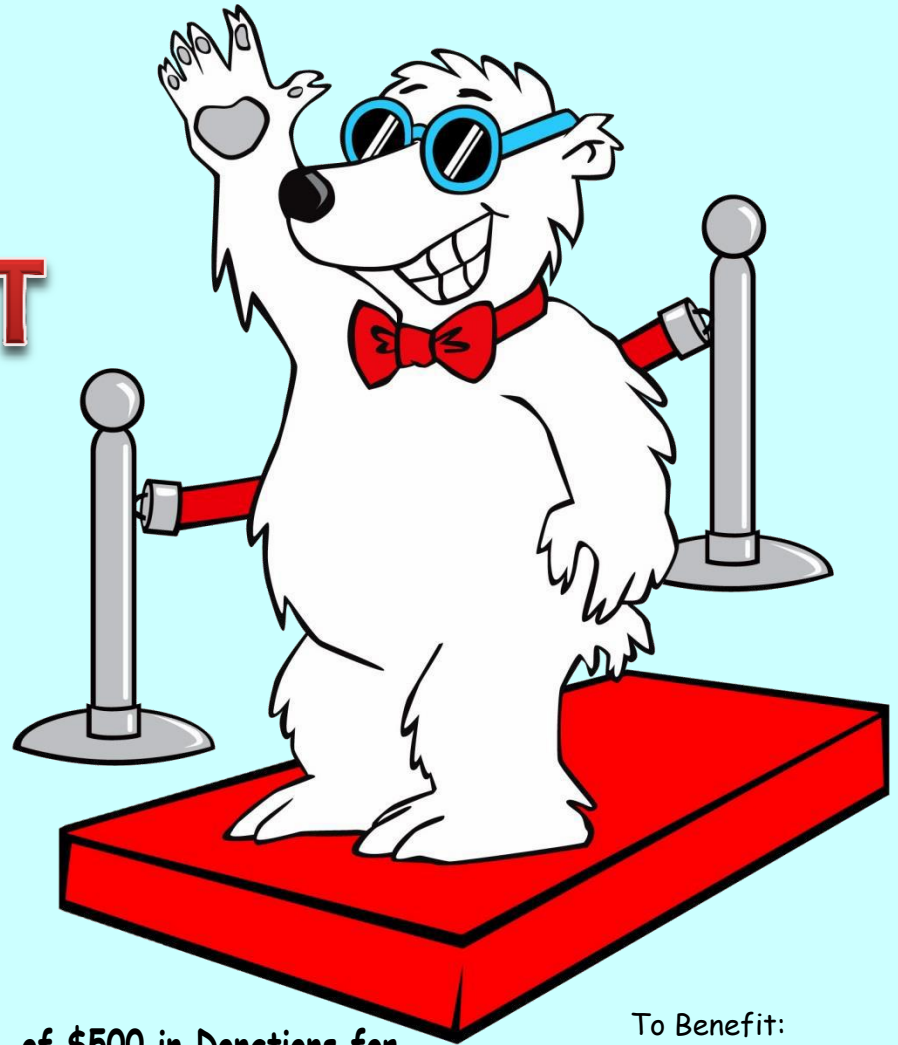


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# 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL POLAR BEAR JUMP

Saturday February 29<sup>th</sup> 2020 - Portage Lakes State Park

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How to become a VIPB? Raise a min. of \$500 in Donations for individuals or Teams must avg. \$500 per person for VIPB status.

Benefits include:

- Dedicated check-in line
- Choice of Commemorative gift with free coffee and cocoa all day
- Priority jumping with first access to heated changing tents
- Concierge to hold your clothing while you jump
- Special recognition from our Emcee
- Each \$500 will send a special needs kid to camp for a week
- Each \$100 will cover a night at the Ronald McDonald House for a family

To Benefit:

