



2019 Polar Bear Plunge Fundraiser Informational Page

The first annual Trout Haven Resorts Polar Bear Plunge Fundraiser will be held starting at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Trout Haven Fishing Pond. Individuals and five person teams will take the plunge as a benefit to start a Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program in the Estes Park School System. Pledges are \$50 for individuals, or a team of five can make a pledge for \$200. Companies in Estes Park can either choose to participate directly in the event, or sponsor a team of students to take the plunge in their stead. Students can obtain their own sponsorship, at any valuation (\$50 minimum pledge does not apply to enrolled students).

Trout in the Classroom is a conservation-oriented, environmental education program backed by Colorado Trout Unlimited. Throughout the school year, students raise trout from eggs to fry, monitor tank water quality, engage in a stream habitat study, learn to appreciate water resources, grow to understand aquatic ecosystems, and begin to foster a conservation ethic.

Trout Haven Resorts is partnering with Colorado Trout Unlimited and Estes Park Schools to bring this exciting and hands-on education program into the Estes Valley. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to purchase the infrastructure necessary to implement this far-reaching program in the Estes Park School District. This includes the costs of aquaria, supplies, pathology testing, and educational materials. The successful launch of this program will make Estes Park School District the thirteenth ongoing TIC program along the Front Range.

For any questions or more information about the program, please contact Joe Bottoms at joebottoms1@gmail.com. To register for the plunge, contact Alec Buns at alec.buns@trouthavenresorts.com. Participants can register up to the morning of the event; participants that register by the early registration deadline of February 16, 2019 will receive their event t-shirts by the day of the plunge.

If you are interested in participating in the craft fair or making a contribution to the silent auction, please contact Amy Amos at 970-577-0202.

We hope to see you come down and start freezin' for a reason!