



## 2018 Polar Plunge FAQs

Below you will find answers to frequently asked questions about the Polar Plunge.

### **When and where is the Plunge?**

Saturday, February 10, 2018. Registration opens at 10 AM and the actual plunge will take place around 11:30 AM immediately following the awards ceremony at the Brandywine Picnic Park, 690 South Creek Road at Routes 52 & 100 in West Chester, PA.

### **How many Polar Plunges and Plungers have there been?**

2018 marks the 10th year for this event. Over the years, nearly 1,600 people have taken the plunge and raised over \$125,000 for BRC's watershed conservation work and environmental education programs.

### **Who can plunge?**

Anyone of any age can plunge but if you are under the age of 18, a Waiver Form must be signed by parent or guardian -- forms are available online.

### **Is there a way to sign up as a team?**

Team participation is encouraged. When filling out your registration form, please note your team name & have your teammates do the same.

### **Can I win an award?**

Yes, awards are given out to the individual who raised the most money; the team that raised the most money; largest team and best costume.

### **How do I register for the Polar Plunge?**

1. Visit [www.brandywineredclay.org](http://www.brandywineredclay.org) to register online or print and return pre-registration form with registration payment to reserve Plunge T-shirt.
2. Solicit contributions from family, friends or businesses -- pledge form available online. All checks to be payable to BRC.
3. Bring all monies collected to the event. PRIZES are awarded for most money raised!
4. All plungers (whether or not they are pre-registered) must check-in/register at the event.

### **What's the minimum donation required?**

For just \$35 in pledges or \$25 with student I.D. you can take the plunge! You'll also receive an official Brandywine Polar Plunge long sleeve t-shirt and bragging rights for braving the Brandywine! Plus, you may be eligible to win additional prizes for most money raised by individual or team participation.



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### **What do I do if I can't collect all my pledges before the plunge?**

We can only register you for the amount of donations you bring with you to the Plunge. Separate checks are acceptable and should be made payable to Brandywine Red Clay Alliance. If you receive donations after the Plunge, please mail them to Polar Plunge, Brandywine Red Clay Alliance, 1760 Unionville-Wawaset Road, West Chester, PA 19382.

### **Are there any tips for taking the plunge?**

- \* Bring a robe... put on while you wait to go in and even better once you get out.
- \* ATTIRE: Swimsuit ONLY. Acceptable shoes required – sneakers or sandals with ankle straps are best.
- \* No T-shirts, flip flops or wet suits!
- \* Bring a second pair of shoes to keep feet warm before & after plunge.
- \* Bring extra towels or a blanket to stand on
- \* Wear layered, loose fitting clothes and keep on until costume contest. Consider clothing that will be easy to get into after plunge.
- \* If you are competing in the costume contest, stay clothed as long as possible until the designated costume judging time.
- \* Plunge with a group of friends...it's more fun!
- \* No diving or entering the water head first.

### **Will food and beverages be available?**

Yes, hot chocolate and coffee will be available and Hickory House Catering will fire up the grill to provide burgers, hot dogs and fries! Chili and veggie burgers will also be available.

### **Who are the people in the orange suits?**

The Polar Plunge is thankful to have Fame Fire Company's Water Rescue Team from West Chester on call to keep the plungers safe. Our event is a little zany and we take necessary measures to ensure everyone's safety. Fame Fire Company's highly trained individuals consider air and water temperature, creek current strengths, the amount of debris in the water and other creek conditions when taking position in the creek.

### **What happens if there is bad weather?**

The BRC Polar Plunge will be held rain, snow or shine.