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Kalispel Tribal Police Department Supports Local Special Olympics Athletes With Polar Plunge Fund Raiser

(Usk, Wash., February 6, 2006) – The Kalispel Tribal Police, on February 9, 2006, assisted by other local law enforcement agencies, volunteers, and Special Olympics Volunteers and Athletes, will hold the First Annual Polar Plunge. Participants will gather at the Kalispel Tribal Boat Launch and at 12pm and plunge into the Pend Orielle River.

“We do a variety of fund raising events throughout the year,” said Kalispel Tribal Chief of Police Rodney Enevoldsen. “There are 1300 to 1400 Special Olympics athletes in the Spokane, Pend Orielle, and Stevens County area, so the financial need is pretty large. This is our first year doing the Polar Plunge, we wanted to do a wintertime event that was open to all ages, something that the entire community could feel like they could become involved with. We’re seeing a large amount of community involvement for this event. Co-workers are challenging each other to take the plunge, Pend Oreille County Sheriff’s Office dispatchers that registered are challenging other Sheriff’s Office units to take the plunge as well.”

During the year the Tribe's police department also participates in the Tip-A-Cop Fundraiser, Law Enforcement Torch Run into the Special Olympics Spring Games Opening Ceremonies held at Spokane Community College, and last year "An Evening With Tom Knapp", all as part of our Law Enforcement Torch Run Campaign. (LETR). The LETR is the largest Special Olympics Fundraiser of its kind, raising more than \$20 million dollars worldwide last year. This year the Kalispel Tribal Police Department will again run the "Flame of Hope", and bring the torch to the opening of the Special Olympics Regional Spring Games at Spokane Community College.

Registration forms can be obtained at any Kalispel Tribal Government Agency, or by calling Corrie Nenema at (509) 445-1147 extension 1246. The registration cost is \$20 and includes a free lunch and commemorative t-shirt. All participants must sign a waiver and those under 17 must have a parent or guardian's signature. The Kalispel Tribal Police Department would like to remind those of you who are a little too hesitant to take the plunge that there's always room for spectators.