



Chowchilla Police Department

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Chowchilla Police Department to “Test the Waters” for Special Olympics at Millerton Lake on February 21, 2009



Special Olympics of Northern California is sponsoring a **Central Valley Polar Plunge** at Millerton Lake on Saturday, February 28, 2009 to raise funds for Special Olympics.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Chowchilla Police Department Polar Plunge team could not participate with the other teams on February 28. Therefore, Chief Jay Varney (pictured) and the other members of the Chowchilla PD four-person team will be “Testing the Waters” on February 21, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The Chowchilla Police Department invites you to come out and cover this event, in hopes that it will bring greater attention to the Central Valley Polar Plunge on February 28, 2009 and raise money and awareness for Special Olympics Northern California.

Who: Chowchilla Police Department Polar Plunge Team. In keeping with the Polar Plunge theme, some participants will be in costume.

What: Testing the Waters at Millerton Lake to raise money for Special Olympics (to date, we have just under \$700 in donations for our team) and to bring more publicity to

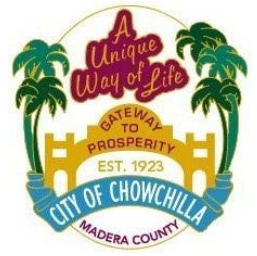
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the main fundraising event, the Central Valley Polar Plunge for Special Olympics, which will take place the following week on Saturday, February 28, 2009.

When: February 21, 2009, 1:00 p.m.

Where: "Testing the Waters" will take place at Crows Nest Boat Launching Facility/Boat Ramp #1, located on the south shore of Millerton Lake

Millerton Lake State Recreation Area
Fresno County side of the lake
Park entrance 1.6 miles east of Friant
Millerton Courthouse entrance
Once in the SRA, take the left turn marked Millerton
Courthouse/Boat Ramp #1
Follow the signs to the Crows Nest Boat Launching Facility

Why: To raise money for Special Olympics. You may donate/sponsor our team in person or online at www.sonc.org/polarplunge

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