

Perilous Plunge FAQs

What is the Perilous Plunge?

The Plunge is the annual fundraiser for the Redwood Discovery Museum. It sets our budget for the year and helps us offer programs, scholarships, exhibits, and generally keeps the doors open.

In teams or individually, plungers jump into Humboldt Bay dressed up in wacky costumes to the sound of the Marching Lumberjacks and cheers of the crowd! Plungers are rewarded for their bravery with a hot tub, cocktail (21+), and a warm lunch.

Leading up to the event, each plunger collects pledges from 'sponsors' who will gladly pay to watch them jump into the Bay. All funds raised directly benefit the Redwood Discovery Museum programs and operations, including Pal Camp.

Is it for all ages?

Plungers must be at least 18 years old to plunge, and 21 to receive a cocktail afterwards. Non-alcoholic beverages are available as well as a delicious hot lunch.

How do I get involved?

1. **Sign up!**-Visit discovery-museum.org and click on the "Perilous Plunge" button. Follow the steps to register. Plunge solo, or form a team with other plungers! Once you have registered online you can share your campaign on social media and by email, or download and print a pledge form from our website to collect in-person donations. Plungers who raise the most jump first, and can spend the longest in the hot tub.

2. **Collect pledges!** Find people near and far to sponsor your Plunge. Cash and checks can be dropped off at the museum. You can collect donations in person and bring on the day of the event, or you can have donors pledge online at www.discovery-museum.org. Share your campaign page to get more online pledges! If you need help signing up online please email Executive Director Stephanie Carter at director@discovery-museum.org

3. **PLUNGE!** Make a big splash for the kids on Saturday March 29, 2025!

Day of Plunge

- Arrive in costume and bring a change of clothing for after your plunge- we have heated changing rooms in the VIP tent, and will take your dry clothes down to the changing rooms for you.
- 9:30am - Registration begins at Clark Plaza, corner of 3rd and E Streets
- 11:15am - Parade to the dock at the foot of F Street
- 11:30am - Plunge!
- Following your plunge - Award Ceremony and luncheon for plungers

What do I get?

As a Plunger you are rewarded with:

- Soak in the hot tub
- Admission to the VIP Tent for food, libations and great company
- Dry towels and a warm changing room adjoining the VIP tent
- A Perilous Plunge T-Shirt with all sponsors listed on the back
- Awards (ceremony following the plunging); trophies include Grand Poobahs, Team Royalty, Rookie of the Year, Best Jump, Best Team Jump, Best Costume, Best Team Costume, and the Kayak Judges Award and.

AND

Our undying gratitude for supporting our mission of providing hands-on educational fun to the kids of our community!

Is the bay safe?

- YES, Humboldt bay's waters are clean and safe!
- One or more certified lifeguards will be on the dock if you need assistance
- The Eureka Fire Department is on the dock for your safety.
- We plunge into the bay at high tide, so you won't touch the bottom nor get swept away.
- The Fire Department provides a ladder for safe exit from the water.

- We do a quick Safety Check for plungers to make sure their costumes and what they do in the water is safe. (Like don't swim AWAY from the dock!)

How cold is the water?

Bay water temperature ranges from 50 to 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

How much do Plungers need to raise?

Each Plunger is required to raise at least \$175. Teams raise an average total of at least \$175 per plunger.

I want to support the Plunge, but don't want to jump in the bay. What can I do?

Become a business sponsor! This is a way to represent your business from dry land.

OR

Pledge a plunger! Donate to the brave, and perilous plungers jumping into the Bay!

If you have additional questions you can email Executive Director Stephanie Carter at director@discovery-museum.org

Thank you for your support!