

# SWIM 4 FREEDOM

## EVENT DETAILS

### SWIM LAKE GENEVA TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Help raise money to support our troops who fight for our freedom. Swim, as an individual or as a relay, from Lake Geneva Beach to Fontana Beach (or just as far as you can) raising money along the way for each mile you complete. All proceeds will be donated to the **Special Operations Warrior Foundation** to support America's Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps special operations personnel and their families.

#### WHEN:

- Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Sign in begins at 4:45am at Gordy's Boat House
- Sign-in ends at 5:30am
- Swim begins at 6am from Lake Geneva Beach (*weather dependent*)

#### WHERE:

- Sign in will be at:
  - Gordy's Boat House  
336 Lake Ave  
Fontana, WI 53125
- The swim will start at Lake Geneva Beach and end at Gordy's
- All participants must sign in at Gordy's Boat House prior to 5:30am
- Boats will transport all participants to Lake Geneva Beach for the start of the swim
  - The boat/s will leave Gordy's pier at 5:40am
- The boat/s will drop all participants at Lake Geneva Beach just before 6am
- All participants **must report back in** to the officials table at the finish at Gordy's

#### HOW TO ENTER:

- Fill out and send your entry form to:  
Steele Whowell or Email to [steele@gordysboats.com](mailto:steele@gordysboats.com)  
PO Box 82  
Fontana, WI 53125
- All entry forms must be received **No later than 5pm on Wed, Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016**
- **NO day of entries allowed**

#### EVENT DETAILS:

- Sign in begins at 4:45am at Gordy's Boat House
- Sign in ends at 5:30am
- An event official will go over details of the swim around 5:30am
- Shuttle boat/s will depart Gordy's pier at 5:40am. All participants must get on a shuttle boat/s.

- Boat/s will take participants to Lake Geneva Beach in Lake Geneva.
- Participants will enter the water at Lake Geneva Beach from the boat/s.
- An event official will start all of the participants together at roughly 6am.
- Orange buoys will be set to mark the beginning of the course and finish area. Buoys will not be placed down the main stretch of the lake
- Wetsuits are allowed
- The total distance of the swim is roughly 8 miles
- **All participants/relays should have their own support boat/driver. The driver should help navigate the swimmer on the proper course. Support boats/drivers must stay near (within 50ft) their swimmer for the entire swim – No Exceptions.**
  - **Support vehicles must be a boat (for safety - pwc, kayak, SUP are no longer acceptable as primary support vehicle)**
  - **We recommend that the boat driver stay to the side of the swimmer, not in front or behind, and that they stay to the side that the swimmer predominantly breaths while they are swimming.**
- **For safety reasons – the start time may be postponed and/or the direction and distance we swim may change day of depending on weather**
- **Also for safety reasons - 1pm is a hard stop time for the swim. All swimmers must exit the water into your support boat at 1pm and get shuttled back to the finish area at Gordy's.**
- **All participants MUST check back in with event organizers regardless of how far they swam.**

#### **FUNDRAISING:**

- **The easiest way to donate is online – see link on home page of website [www.swim4freedom.org](http://www.swim4freedom.org)**
- You can also print off sponsorship forms to document donations collected as cash/check donations
- Gather sponsorships from as many family members, friends and/or local businesses as you can. Print off as many sponsorship forms as you need.
- Those that choose to support participants can donate a lump sum or specific dollars per mile completed by the participant (example – swim is roughly 8 miles so if someone donates \$10 per mile, and the participant swims the entire way, the person donating will owe  $\$10 \times 8(\text{miles}) = \$80.00$ ).
- All proceeds will be donated to the **Special Operation Warrior Foundation**.
- **After the event**, gather the cash commitments from your sponsors based on the distance you completed and mail sponsorship forms (be sure to include your name on your sponsorship forms) and checks to:
  - Steele Whowell  
PO Box 82  
Fontana WI, 53125
- Checks can be written to **SOWF, Swim4Freedom**

Please contact Steele Whowell with any questions:

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