

**Sierra Nevada Masters 28th Annual Donner Open Water Swim
Saturday August 9, 2008**

Sanction #Pending

LOCATION: Donner Lake, Truckee, CA. Located 35 miles west of Reno, NV and 100 miles east of Sacramento, CA via Interstate 80. The start is at the east end of the lake by Donner Memorial State Park; the finish is at West End Beach.

PARKING: This is a point-to-point swim with parking available at a designated parking area at the start and at the finish area. At the start of the race you may park at the Donner Museum Parking lot for a fee of \$6.00 or on the south side of Donner Pass Road. There is absolutely no parking on the north side of Donner Pass Road. At the finish you may park at the West End Beach parking lot. A shuttle will operate between these areas from 6:30 am till noon. There is a spectator fee at the West End Beach. Animals are not allowed on the beach.

COURSE: Straight, point to point, 2.7 miles. Expected water temperature 65-68 degrees. Altitude is 5933 ft.

TIME: Check-in and race day registration 6:30-8:00am. Race begins at 8:30am.

SWIM PROCEDURES: Pre-race instructions at 8:15am followed by a beach start. A 2-hour 30-minute race time limit will be strictly enforced. Non-motorized individual escorts are permitted. Life jackets and “man in water” flags are required on all craft.

ENTRIES: **This event is open to 350 swimmers. We expect this event to sell out.** \$35 per person, if you pre-register for the event. \$50 per person, for registration on race day. Entry fee is non-refundable. Registration opens June 1st. You can register for the swim at www.sierranevadamasters.com or by mailing a consolidated entry form or official race form with a copy of your 2008 USMS membership card and a check (payable to SNM) to Sierra Nevada Masters, c/o Laura Hanson, 2750 Plumas St. #202, Reno, NV 89509. Mailed entry forms must be postmarked by Friday, August 1st. Online registration closes Monday, August 4th. If you register online you must bring your 2008 USMS card or a copy of your card so your

membership can be verified on race day. In the event that the Donner Lake Open Water Swim sells out registration may close early and/or there will be no race day registration. Finish Line Productions utilizing the ChampionChip system will provide timing for this event. You will be issued a timing chip and ankle strap at check-in to be worn around the ankle during the swim. As you cross the mat placed at the finish line your time will be recorded based on your assigned chip number. You will be unable to exit the finish area until you return your timing device and will be charged \$30.00 if you fail to do so.

AWARDS: Special Awards to the top 18+ and top 40+ male and female finishers. Awards to the top three finishers in each age division.

Participants in wet suits are ineligible for awards. Post-race refreshments and lunch will be provided for all pre-registered swimmers. A limited number of lunches will be for sale on race day.

T-SHIRTS: Long sleeve T-shirts will be sold race day for \$20.

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