**SOUTHERN OREGON SWIMS AT LAKE OF THE WOODS**

**Lake of the Woods, OR Saturday, September 8, 2018**

Hosted by Southern Oregon Masters Aquatics

Sanctioned by Oregon LMSC for U.S. Masters Swimming, Sanction Number 378-W00X

Operating under Special Use Permit from Fremont–Winema Nat’l Forest

**LOCATION:** Lake of the Woods is a freshwater lake nestled 4900′ up in the Southern Cascade Crest. The natural spring fed lake is surrounded by old growth Douglas Fir, Lodgepole and Ponderosa Pines. Serving as the backdrop are the 9500′ Mount McLoughlin and the 7300′ Brown Mountain volcanoes. Probable water temperature on the day of the event is 66°F to 72°F.

This event is in conjunction with Southern Oregon’s Lake of the Woods Tri-Sport Weekend, which offers many events in which to participate. Have everyone pick events and bring the whole family out for a weekend of fun! More information about the event can be found here:
[**http://lakeofthewoodstri.com/**](http://lakeofthewoodstri.com/)

A list of events and entry for each can be found here:
[**https://www.trisignup.com/Race/OR/KlamathFalls/LakeoftheWoodsTriSportWeekend**](https://www.trisignup.com/Race/OR/KlamathFalls/LakeoftheWoodsTriSportWeekend)

 **SWIMS:** Swimmers may enter one or both of the swims. We’ll start with a 3000-meter swim, twice clockwise around a rectangular course. Then we’ll stage the 1500-meter swim, once around the rectangular course counter-clockwise.

**SWIM SCHEDULE (subject to change due to conditions):**

 6:30-7:15amRegistration/Check-in for all swims

 7:20am Required pre-swim meeting for 3000-meter swim

 7:30am Start of 3000-meter swim

 9:00am Start of 17&Under 3000-meter swimmers and long-course triathlon swimmers.

 10:00-10:30am Registration/Check-in for 1500-meter swim

 10:40am Required pre-swim meeting for 1500-meter Swim

 10:55am Start of 1500-meter swim

 11:30am Start of 17&Under 1500-meter swimmers and short-course triathlon swimmers.

 12:30pm Swim Awards (estimated start time)

 4:00-8:00pm BBQ and Band

**ELIGIBILITY:**  Open ONLY to 2018 USMS members or foreign equivalents 18+ on race day. USMS “One-Event” membership—covering all swims—is available for adults 18+ only for $21. Swimmers 17 and under are eligible to participate but must enter the non-USMS swim event (different than this USMS event) and their swims will be started at a different time and scored as separate events from 18+ USMS swimmers.

**RULES:** Current USMS rules shall govern this event. Age will be determined by the age of the swimmer on December 31, 2018, except for 18-year-olds, who must be 18 on the day of the event. Category II suits—including wetsuits—are welcomed in all swims, but will be scored in a separate category in the 1500 & 3000-meter USMS swims.

**STARTS & SEEDING:** The 1500 & 3000-meter swims will both use a mass start.

**SAFETY—OUR PRIMARY CONCERN:** Safety boats will monitor the entire course. Swimmers must wear a brightly colored swim cap, have their race number on their arms or hands, and follow all announced safety rules without exception.

**TIME LIMIT:** The 3000-meter swim has a time limit of 1.5 hours. The 1500-meter swim has a 1 hour time limit. Swimmers on the course after these time limits may be stopped and listed as DNF in the results.

**REGISTRATION—ONLINE ONLY (except day-of-race entries, which carry a $10 late fee):** [**https://www.trisignup.com/Race/OR/KlamathFalls/LakeoftheWoodsTriSportWeekend**](https://www.trisignup.com/Race/OR/KlamathFalls/LakeoftheWoodsTriSportWeekend)
Online entries must be received by Thursday, September 6. After that, swimmers may only enter as a Day-of-Race entry, which carries a $10 late fee. **Save some cash—submit your entries on time!**

**ENTRY FEES:** One swim (1500 or 3000-meter) is $30; two swims are $40. Entry fee includes pre & post-swim snacks and the swims themselves.

**OMS SANCTION SURCHARGE:** There is a required a $5 per swimmer surcharge to cover the cost of USMS-mandated sanction insurance.

**RESULTS:**  Will be posted at Lake of the Woods promptly after each swim and at [**www.lakeofthewoodstri.com**](http://lakeofthewoodstri.com), [**www.somaswim.org**](http://www.somaswim.org) and [**www.swimoregon.org**](http://www.swimoregon.org) after the event.

**AWARDS:** Age groups are standard USMS age groups.

* 1500 and 3000-meter swims: Lake of the Woods ribbons to the top three finishers in each 5-year age group & race in both suit categories.

 **OREGON OPEN WATER SERIES:** All swims count towards the cumulative season series. Both the 1500 & 3000-meter swims are featured swims.

**SNACKS:** Bananas, watermelon and other random goodies

**SOUVENIRS:** Event T-shirt and sweatshirts will be available for purchase.

**DIRECTIONS:**  Google Lake of the Woods Resort**,** just off U.S. Highway 140 between Klamath Falls and Medford.

**PARKING:** There is plenty of nearby parking at the resort. Parking fee is $5

**CAMPING:** Lake of the Woods has several options for staying for the Lake of the Woods Tri/Sport Weekend. There is tent camping at both Aspen and Sunset campgrounds which are both very close to the start of the event. The official reservation closure for the facilities is Labor day but don’t worry there will be spots available. All sites in Aspen will be on a 1st come 1st served basis. If needed we will also open additional sites in Sunset Campground. To get cozy in a cabin call 866-201-4194 or check here:
[**http://lakeofthewoodstri.com/david-r-kingsley-foundation/**](http://lakeofthewoodstri.com/david-r-kingsley-foundation/)

RV spots are also available. Please see the map here:
[**https://convoyant.com/resnexus/reservations/Sites/Maps?uniqueId=6D480342-463A-473C-BBB9-C9108165ECD7&mapID=2**](https://convoyant.com/resnexus/reservations/Sites/Maps?uniqueId=6D480342-463A-473C-BBB9-C9108165ECD7&mapID=2)

**WEBSITE FOR EVENT INFO:** [**www.somaswim.org**](http://www.somaswim.org)

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