

Man will attempt swimming length of Tahoe to raise money

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It won't matter if there are record-high temperatures on Aug. 21 and 22. Ken Harmon will be cold.

The 50-year-old will try to swim a dual length of Lake Tahoe, 44 miles, in a nonstop swim for charity. The experienced long-distance swimmer will swim without a wet suit, in water about 70 degrees, for more than 24 hours to raise money for three charities that support the Down syndrome community.

"It is awe-inspiring to swim that lake," said Harmon, who swam the length of Tahoe in 2005 in a record-setting 11 hours and 19 minutes.

"It makes you feel as if you are a very small part of this world."

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