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'Conquering the Danube'

49 year-old American to swim the Danube

On May 7 2006, Mimi Hughes will begin swimming the 2850 km of the Danube River from its source in Donaueschingen, Germany. Mimi, a 49 year-old American, wife and mother of four children, will swim the Danube on a personal mission of social and environmental stewardship. Using the experience of her previous swims (from Alaska to Russia and the length of the Tennessee River, USA), her journey will raise awareness of the importance of international cooperation for social responsibility and the preservation of the environment.

"It is through the collaboration and cooperation of the people of many countries and cultures that my swim will be successful" says Mimi. "This will symbolize that, when the people of all cultures work together, we will be successful as stewards of peace and healing of the people and of our planet."

Mimi plans to be on the Serbian-Romanian border by Danube Day (29 June 2006) and will reach her final destination, 0km, the end of the Danube, by 4 August 2006.

"It is my belief that individuals are the true ambassadors for positive social and environmental change ... This desire for social and environmental change coupled with the ability to complete outstanding athletic endeavours will motivate and challenge others to become more socially and environmentally aware."

Further information:

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