

Youngsters use Truckee River to learn to swim

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With temperatures hitting the triple digits, people of all ages are flocking to the Truckee River, which is exactly why teaching kids some safety lessons is so important.

With strong currents and some rocky areas, swimming in the Truckee River is challenging. It's easy to get swept away or thrown underwater.

On Saturday, kids learned how to swim and definitely had fun along the way.

"I got to swim with my BFFs and have fun with them," says 9-year-old Chris LaDay.

The Truckee River Foundation was thrilled with Saturday's turnout, with 200 kids filling up the classes.

"We have kids come back here every single year, because they love it so much," says Debbie Leonard with the Truckee River Foundation.

Organizers say it's vital to teach them safety tips early-on.

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