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# Water Safety at Riley Creek Recreation Area

## SEATTLE DISTRICT, NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

**NWD Priority:** Partners

**WHO:** Pend Oreille Rowing and Paddling Association (PORPA), Long Bridge Swim Association (LBS)

**WHAT:** Water Safety at Riley Creek Recreation Area

**WHEN:** August 6-22 2024

**WHERE:** Riley Creek Recreation Area, Albeni Falls Dam, Idaho

**WHY:** Educate Bonner County youth about safe water recreation

**WHAT'S NEXT:** Continue partnership into 2025 by increasing number of lessons offered (student per instructor capacity was at maximum).



Students learn how to kick in the water



Park Ranger Matt Braund teaches students about proper lifejacket wear and water safety



A group of students learn water safety techniques

### Summary:

During the month of August 2024, PORPA and LBS provided free water safety lessons at Riley Creek Recreation Area for families in the local community. During the water safety lessons, local children ages 1-17 from Bonner County learned how to swim and play in the water safely from certified instructors. Over 200 children participated in the program, doubling participation from 2023. Students also participated in a water safety program from Park Ranger staff on their last day of lessons and received giveaways as part of their graduation. The Corps has had a long-standing partnership agreement with PORPA and strives to continue this important work into 2025 and beyond. [www.priestriver-swimlessons.com](http://www.priestriver-swimlessons.com)

