

SWIM LESSON FAQ

Q: What steps should I take if I accidentally enrolled my child in the wrong swim level?

A: If you find that you've mistakenly enrolled your child in the wrong swim level, don't worry. Please locate Swim Instructor Supervisor, on the pool deck. If they're not immediately available, you can reach out to aquatics@tdrpd.org as soon as possible. We will guide you through the process of determining the correct level for your child and help facilitate the transfer to the appropriate class based on availability.

Q: How can I move my child to a higher swim level if their instructor recommends it?

A: If your child's swim instructor suggests they move up to the next level within the first two weeks of lessons, it's important to act promptly. Approach the on-deck swim instructor supervisor to discuss the recommendation. If that's not feasible on the same day, reach out to aquatics@tdrpd.org as soon as you can. We will help you transition your child to a suitable class for their newly acquired skills, considering class availability.

Q: My child's age doesn't match their swimming level, but their ability does. How can I proceed with registration?

A: If your child's skill level aligns with a swim class but doesn't meet the age criteria, talk to the on-deck swim instructor supervisor for guidance. In case you can't locate them, feel free to contact aquatics@tdrpd.org. We will provide you with advice based on the information available and may arrange a day to assessment of your child's skills. This assessment will help identify the most suitable class for your child, tailored to their individual needs.

Q: Is it appropriate to tip my child's swim instructor?

A: While tipping swim instructors is not required, it's a considerate gesture to acknowledge their dedication and hard work. If you believe your child's instructor has provided exceptional service, you have the option to offer a tip as a token of your appreciation.

Q: How can I pursue a career as a swim instructor? What are the benefits?

A: If you're interested in becoming a swim instructor at Truckee Community Swimming Pool, send your resume to David Faris and Lisa Kucera-McBeth via email at dfaris@tdrpd.org & lkucera@tdrpd.org. If you enjoy working with children or have a passion for swimming, this role might suit you. Swim instructors enjoy competitive compensation, flexible work hours, and District perks for themselves and their family, including membership passes for the fitness center, pool, and beach.

Q: Can you explain the role of a Swim Instructor Aid?

A: A Swim Instructor Aid supports the primary swim instructor during classes. They assist with demonstrations, offer additional help to students, and ensure a safe and enjoyable learning environment. Becoming a Swim Instructor Aid provides valuable experience that can serve as a steppingstone toward becoming a full-fledged swim instructor.

Q: What does a Swim Instructor Sub do?

A: A Swim Instructor Sub, or substitute, steps in for a regular instructor temporarily when they are unable to teach due to illness, injury, vacation, or other reasons. Substitute swim instructors need to have the necessary qualifications and certifications. They must adapt quickly to different classes and student needs. The program aims to maintain consistent instructors, with substitutes used only when the primary instructor is unavailable.

Q: Should I join my child in the water during lessons?

A: For Parent & Tot (ages 4 months - 3 years), Parent & Tadpole (ages 2 - 3 years), and Parent and Guppy (ages 2 years- 4 years) classes, parents are required to be in the water. Your presence helps your child learn basic water safety skills and acclimate to the water. However, at all other levels, parents do not join the water during lessons.

Q: When do kids start practicing in the lap pool?

A: Children begin practicing in the lap pool starting in Level 5 (Dolphin) classes. At this level, they must be able to swim 20 yards freestyle, backstroke, and elementary backstroke, and tread water for 30 seconds. Classes like Seal, Sea Otter, and Sailfish are also held in the lap pool.

Q: How does the waitlist system work?

A: The waitlist system is used for classes that have reached their maximum capacity. When we add classes or spots become available, we put it all up for an additional registration that is only open for the family currently on the waitlist. Families on the waitlist are contacted by email. This ensures that as many students as possible get the chance to participate in swimming lessons.

Q: What defines a TDRPD resident?

A: TDRPD residents are those who reside within the zip codes 96161, 96160, 96162, 96111, and 95728. These residents receive priority registration for swim lessons, allowing them to access classes before non-residents.