



# Kids Don't Float 2022



For over twenty five years, Safe Kids Grand Forks has been conducting Kids Don't Float water safety classes in our community. These classes are designed to teach life-long water safety skills for students in second through fifth grade. During the interactive presentation, the youth in attendance learn about the importance of wearing a life jacket, how to properly fit one, what to do to rescue someone that may be drowning and many other skills that are designed to keep them safe whether they are at a pool, in a boat, fishing by the river or a whole host of other water environments and activities.



Each year, Safe Kids hosts seven classes and trains nearly 700 students and 100 adults over the course of four days. Due to Covid in 2021, we had to hold this class virtually and while we wished we were in person, we also delighted in knowing that nearly 1500 students from around the region were able to participate and receive this important training. This year, we are set to launch the classes in person again and will be reaching out to our local and regional elementary school partners that have attended in the past. We are eager to have them join us at the Hyslop Pool on the beautiful UND campus.

If your student attends, please take the time to review activity book that is sent home with them. There is a great parent pull out section that has information for adults on water safety and it would be a great discussion point to have with your students about how they spent their day and what they learned. Also, remember that kids watch adults more than we think so role modeling safe behaviors is important in many areas but especially in a water setting.

We thank our many partners in this event, especially the UND—Swim North Dakota program, the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Grand Forks Sheriff's Department and Grand Forks County. We are grateful to them as supporters of this program and to the many volunteers that come and help us with the event each and every year. If your student's class is not coming to the event but you would like to access the KDF activity book (with parent pull-out section), you can get it at this link: [Boat Safety Color Book.qxd \(safekidsgf.com\)](#)



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