WATER SAFETY
Activity Booklet

With Josh the Otter® &
Progressive Agriculture Safety Days®

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UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS

Did you know? An otter's den is called a “holt” or a “couch”?

Did you know? A baby otter is called a pup.

Did you know? Otters hold on to each other when floating, this is called a raft.

Did you know? Otters don’t know how to swim when they are born. Their mothers help teach them.

Can you find the SEVEN differences between these two pictures??

Water Safety Tips

- Always Wear a Life Jacket
- Learn to Swim & Float Well
- Always Swim With a Buddy
- Make Sure Adults Watch You
- Only Swim in Marked Areas

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Safety Scenarios

1. You notice someone struggling to swim in a nearby lake. What would you do?

2. A friend asks you to go boating, but says lifejackets or PFDs are only for weak swimmers and you don’t need to wear one. What would you do?

3. From slippery surfaces to the presence of chemicals, water is not the only safety issues around pools. What are some tips to ensure the safety of yourself and others?

4. You see a bunch of kids diving in the shallow end of the local community swimming pool. What would you do?

5. You are having a lot of fun swimming in your pool with friends when suddenly you hear the roar of thunder and see lightning in the distance. What would you do?

6. In the event of an emergency where you must call 911, what are the most important tips to keep in mind?

7. In your opinion, what are the most important safety rules that should be enforced when going swimming?

8. List all areas around the home, ranch or farm where you can find water and precautions you should take.

Did you know? There are 13 Different otter species around the world!

Did you know? Otters live on every continent except Australia and Antarctica.

Did you know? Otters live on both land and water.

Did you know? Otters have been around for nearly 5 million years!

Did you know? Otters are social and enjoy playing with each other just like us.

Did you know? Otters are one of the few animals that use tools.

Learn to Float

1. Be sure to obey all the ________ on signs.

2. This is one of the leading causes of unintentional injury death

3. A Personal Flotation ________, can help save a life.

4. Josh the Otter says, “Learn how to ________”.

5. Never swim ________.

6. If someone needs help in the water, “Reach and ________”.

7. Always remember, ________ First!

8. When boating, always wear your ________.

9. Be safe around water with Josh the ________.

10. Water can be fun, but ONLY when we are all ________.

11. Always swim with a ________.

Water Safety Crossword Puzzle

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Fill in the Blank

PARTNERSHIPS HAZARDS SAFETY RURAL VISION CHILDREN
ULTRAVIOLET VOLUNTEERS INJURY FLOTATION REACH SUNSCREEN
FIRST HEAVING REACH SCHOOLS

The Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program was created to prevent farm-related ______ or death. This educational program provides training and resources for local communities to conduct one-day _____ and health program for children living on farms, ranches or _______ communities. Each year, more than 80,000 _______ attend a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® in their local community with the help of more than 20,000 _______. While learning about water safety, participants learn about personal _______ devices, how to create a _______ jug, and the importance of ________. Throw, Don’t Go in the Water, but go for help! Understanding _______ rays and the importance of wearing _______ and protective clothing are the focus of sun safety. Other topics teach participants about _______ Aid, calling 911 and identifying hidden _______ found around the home, ranch or farm. Progressive Agriculture Safety Days can be open to the entire community or they may be customized for specific _______ or classes. Since 1995, Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® has been successful thanks to our generous sponsors, _______ and dedicated volunteers. Our _______ is that “No child would become ill, injured or die from farm, ranch and rural activities.”

What You Otter Know About Josh the Otter

Josh The Otter is a character who was created a little over 10 years ago in 2008. The creators hope that Josh is a great role model for children to learn the importance of water safety. Through his messaging of always getting an adult when going around water, always swimming with a buddy and being excited about learning to swim, children will learn to be safer in and around water.

Water Safety Pledge

I pledge to be safe in and around water and to help protect those around me.

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SAFETY LAKE SHIP FLOAT OCEAN BUDDY RAFT SAFE SKIING
PADDLE WHISTLE BUOY PFD WATER JOSH SWIMMING

BUDDY COS AM MY RW W SP MP TWZ
BFLOAT WQ ZYYBN PWISTLEA
HBEAMS KIINGBT ROI UVEARS
CMATRBWATERCVOUPBULKMA
OPBETYWATERMCNDRUVZEPF
CKJOPPKBWILAMLPXJOSHBR
EEPCAZAGKOMSAFETYNNKXE
AMLDEDOCKPCWKHRHKSFPQEOT
NOBIDTRBMCANOEOURFESUP
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Promoting Water Safety and Literacy for Children.

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