



# Todos los niños deberían aprender a nadar

## (Every child should learn to swim!)

Fairfax County Park Authority is excited to begin offering swim lessons taught in Spanish at multiple Rec Centers. The pilot program ran at George Washington Rec Center and is being expanded this spring to include several other sites. The classes will be taught by bilingual instructors using the Virginia Swims curriculum.

“In evaluating our programs, we noticed we were missing a key demographic of Fairfax County” said Levi Lainhart, the Aquatics Section Programs manager. “We have a dedicated group of bilingual Learn to Swim instructors, so offering Spanish-only lessons was a great way to reach that community and promote being safe in the water.”

The Park Authority will be looking at ways to increase offerings by using bilingual instructors at various Rec Centers and will be looking to add lessons in other languages if possible. “Fairfax County has such a diverse population, the Park Authority needs to do all we can to ensure that there are no barriers in a child taking swim lessons,” Lainhart says.

For information on swim lessons in Spanish please check Parktakes Online or reach out to your local Rec Center ([www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/reccenter](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/reccenter)).



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