

Kids on the GO

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Snowboard on wheels helps kids get around.

Maddie Daup isn't a girl who likes to just sit around.

Evidence can be seen in her choice of "toys."

Maddie has roller blades, a scooter, a SoleSkate, a skateboard, pogo sticks, a bike and now a RipStik.

She got the funny looking paddle on wheels for her birthday last week.

"It was the No. 1 thing on my list," says the 11-year-old who will be a fifth grader in the fall.

Friend and classmate TaeLyn Alvarez rides a smaller version of the RipStik called an XBoard.

"I think it's easier than a skateboard," TaeLyn says. "It only took me about three days to learn how to ride it."

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~~It's a hot day and the girls are excited to go to the pool. But like the other kids, they are nervous about the water. They are holding their paddles like shields.~~



~~They are laughing and talking to each other. They are having fun and are not afraid of the water anymore. They are using their paddles as roller skis.~~