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Ducks keep the lake at Camp Ernst from freezing over. (Photo By: Anthony Mirones)

UNION, Ky. -- On a hill at Ryle High School, parents like Sarah Braber, brought their kids to sled and play in the snow.

"We wanted to come out, because it snowed and take the kids out for a little while and do some sled riding with them," said Braber.

She remembered when her father took her siblings out on a family farm pond when it froze over.

"We used to take our four-wheeler out on it, and we'd just slide around," said Braber. "My dad would pull us on the sleds back and forth on the pond."

Sarah's fond memories with her family, however, will not continue with her children.

"I feel a lot safer bringing my kids up to a big hill and I'll know that they'll be OK."

She was referring to the dangers of playing on ice, an Lt. Rick Hatton with the Boone County Water Rescue Squad was glad to hear it.

"There's so many factors involved with ice formation," said Hatton. "Even if you know those factors, there's no guarantee that ice can be safe."

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#### A few of the factors that weaken ice are:

- vegetation growth, because it produces heat;
- wildlife such as ducks try to keep the water from freezing; and
- underwater springs and drainage areas produce heat from moving

currents.

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Braber's neighbor Stacie Buckman explained that their homeowners association alerted residents about playing on ice ponds in the neighborhood.

"We got warnings and how they [ponds] don't freeze enough to play on," Buckman said.

Hatton reiterated his point.

"You can never trust ice, and you can never know how thick it's going to be in any situation."

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