

Position Description
Gill Family Aquatic Center
Lifeguard

JOB SUMMARY

Under direct supervision, supervises the slides, water area, water play features, and pool decks of the aquatic center, enforces rules and regulations, prevents accidents, safeguards swimmers from drowning, maintains a high level of physical and mental fitness, and participates in an active training program which may include daily swimming.

RELATIONSHIPS

Reports to: Pool Manager and/or Head Lifeguard

Supervises: N/A

Works with: Parks and Recreation staff, and the general public

MAJOR AREAS OF ACCOUNTABILITY/RESPONSIBILITY

- Provide a safe, healthful and enjoyable swimming environment
- Supervise and maintain an adequate view of the pool, deck and surrounding areas; pay particular attention to blind spots
- Know, enforce and adhere to the safety regulations and pool rules; maintain order in the pool at all times; be strict, but courteous
- Always be in proper uniform while on duty
- Know the emergency signals and procedures; be prepared to rescue, resuscitate and give first-aid to drowning or injured persons
- Be familiar with the location of all emergency equipment and first-aid supplies and know how to use them without further endangering the injured person
- Accurately complete an accident form when necessary
- Inspect and report any broken safety or mechanical equipment
- Be thoroughly acquainted with general pool areas, supervision, assignment and procedures.
- Attend in-service training meetings or practices and special meetings at the request of the pool manager
- Assist in cleaning the pool when assigned; vacuum the pool and test pool water as required by regulations
- Assist pool manager in opening and closing the pool for the season
- Responsibilities shall include guarding for pool parties and special events on a rotational basis
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Pool Manager or Assistant Pool Manager

PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Required Physical Activities: Swimming, walking, balancing, climbing, standing, stooping, lifting, pulling, pushing, reaching, talking, feeling, hearing, grasping.

Physical Characteristics of Work: Work involves sitting approximately 60% of the time, standing and/or walking approximately 40% of the time. Requires the exertion of up to 25 pounds routinely, exertion of up to 50 pounds occasionally, and exertion of more than 50 pounds infrequently to lift or otherwise move people or objects.

Vision Requirements: The minimum standard for use with those whose work deals largely the ability to complete written reports, read directions and use water test kits, recognize emergency signals, see across and through pool water at both near and far distances, identification and recognition of colors.

Environmental Conditions: Work is performed in a typical outside swimming pool environment. The worker may be exposed to deep water in a rescue situation, temperatures in excess of 100 degrees for more than one hour, chemical hazards, possibly slippery walking surfaces. May be subject to stressful situations if a life-threatening incident occurs.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be at least 16 years of age
- Current certification in Lifeguard Training, CPR and First Aid required
- Water Safety Instructor (WSI) certification preferred
- Previous lifeguard experience preferred
- Have a desire to help the public, good verbal communication skills and somewhat of an outgoing personality
- Be friendly, mature, trustworthy, dependable and responsible
- Be in good physical condition
- Having a willingness and desire to work in a courteous and pleasant manner with persons of all ages; ability to deal effectively with co-workers and the general public