

JOB DESCRIPTION

Lifeguard

General Purpose:

A lifeguard employed with the City of Walsenburg is responsible for the health, safety and welfare of those using the City's aquatic park. A lifeguard's major responsibility is to observe swimmers and enforce regulations in the guarding of life and the prevention of accidents at the City's aquatic park.

Supervision Received:

This position comes under the direct supervision of the Aquatic Manager of the City of Walsenburg or an individual assigned by the Aquatic Manager to supervise the duties of the Lifeguard. A Lifeguard is responsible for following and carrying out all of the workplace expectations and policies of the City of Walsenburg.

Supervision Exercised:

In general, a Lifeguard does not supervise other lifeguards or staff members. However, a Lifeguard may be assigned the responsibility for supervising other lifeguards and/or volunteers assisting in the organization and implementation of the aquatic park operations.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- ◆ To supervise the activities of swimmers by enforcing rules and regulations.
- ◆ To warn swimmers of improper activities or hazards.
- ◆ To rescue persons in distress or in danger of drowning when indicated and provide rescue breathing, CPR and First Aid until the arrival of emergency medical personnel.
- ◆ To notify the Aquatic Park Manager of any accidents, rescues, or problems that have arisen.
- ◆ To report to the Aquatic Park Manager any equipment that is in need of repair.
- ◆ To successfully and positively perform within work team dynamics
- ◆ Adherence to City Workplace Expectations, encompassing communication, working relations, job reliability and initiative, safety, accomplishment of work tasks, and supervision.
- ◆ To engage with the public in a respectful, professional, and positive manner and maintain a high standard of customer service.

Peripheral Duties:

- ◆ To answer inquiries pertaining to the use of the pool.
- ◆ To conduct simple tests to determine water quality.
- ◆ To direct all helpful suggestions from participants and others to your direct supervisor.
- ◆ Attend scheduled in-service training.

- ◆ To maintain attendance and activity record and complete required reports.
- ◆ To provide periodic supervision and custodial needs of locker rooms and common areas in the park to maintain a clean and safe facility.
- ◆ To perform other duties as may be assigned by the Aquatic Park Manager.

Desired Minimum Qualifications:

Graduation from high school is desirable. In addition, Lifeguards must be currently certified with Red Cross Lifeguard Training, and current Red Cross First Aid and CPR cards.

Skills:

A Lifeguard must have knowledge of water hazards, lifesaving techniques and first aid, be able to recognize hazardous situations and adopt effective courses of action. The Lifeguard must also have effective communication skills and engage positively with the public.

Physical Skills:

While performing the duties of this position, the employee is frequently required to communicate, sit, kneel, stand, stoop, climb, crawl, reach and manipulate objects. The position requires mobility. Duties require attentiveness to visual and audible cues for recognition and identification of swimmers in distress or in the practice of unsafe behaviors. The position requires proficient swimming ability and the proper application of rescue and first-aid techniques. This position requires the ability to properly and safely extract victims from the pool(s) to the deck. Further, this position will require operating equipment such as a personal computer and standard office equipment.

Special Requirements:

First Aid and CPR Certification.
Lifeguard Certification.

Work Environment:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee occasionally works in inclement weather conditions and is required to work in high temperatures for long periods. The employee is occasionally exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, toxic or caustic chemicals.