

Department: Parks & Recreation
Position: **Head Lifeguard**
Accountable To: Pool Manager, Asst. Pool Manager, Parks/Rec. Director
Supervision exercised: Lifeguards, Pool aides, Instructors
Position Objective: Supervision of pool staff, pool maintenance and serving the public.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The following duties are intended to be illustrative only and are not inclusive: Participation in the day to day operation of the pool facility, including daily on deck supervision of Lifeguards and guests. Responsible for daily scheduled water tests and filtration checks. Perform other maintenance tasks such as backwashing and vacuuming pools. Assist with the enforcement of rules, regulations, safety procedures and operational policies of the pool facility. Assist in training programs for pool staff, lifesaving skills and practicing emergency procedure plans. Assists in setting up and maintaining the pool facility for events and scheduled programs. Performs other duties as assigned.

Skills:

Knowledge of pool policies, schedules, programs and procedures. Ability to perform first aid and swimming/lifesaving skills in and around water. Knowledge of Colorado Health Department regulations pertaining to aquatic facilities. Ability to establish and maintain working relationships with program participants, fellow employees and the public.

Mental Demands:

Strong interpersonal skills, ability to relate well with people of all ages. Ability to perform and complete multiple tasks simultaneously. Ability to make independent decisions, solve problems and use good judgment. Ability to maintain composure and act responsibly in stressful situations including but not limited to emergencies and unruly or dissatisfied patrons.

Experience:

One full year or multiple summer season experience working as a lifeguard in a multipurpose aquatic facility.

Education/Training: High school graduate preferred.

Working Conditions:

Possible adverse weather conditions with prolonged exposure to the sun and pool water. Working in the vicinity of and handling hazardous chemicals. Exposure to blood and other body fluids may occur.

Physical Demands:

Ability to lift, move or operate equipment and supplies of 50+ lbs. Ability to stand for long periods of time on concrete decks. Ability to perform swimming rescues in an emergency situation and to swim ¼ mile (16 lengths of a 25 meter pool) at a constant pace.

Contacts: Pool manager, pool staff, parks and recreation staff, other city employees and general public.

Special requirements:

Current certifications in American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer, Lifeguard Training and Community First Aid and Safety or equivalent as recognized by the State of Colorado. Water Safety Instructor certificate preferred. May be required to successfully pass a post-job offer drug screening and background check.