

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

Beaches & Pools Unit

SEASONAL AQUATICS INFORMATION SHEET – SUMMER 2019

Completion of this process does not guarantee employment

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Applications for Seasonal Lifeguard positions can be submitted online at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com. Candidates must be 16 by July 1st to be hired for the 2019 season.

GET CERTIFIED

Lifeguards hired by the Chicago Park District must possess the following current certifications:

- American Red Cross Lifeguarding / First Aid / CPR / AED (*or equivalent*)
- American Red Cross Waterfront Skills (*or equivalent*)
- American Red Cross Administering Emergency Oxygen (*or equivalent*)
- Chicago Park District Lifeguard Certification (*awarded at completion of the swim test*)

Courses are offered at parks throughout Chicago, and you can find a listing of those programs by going to www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/lifeguards. Courses are also available to CPS High School students through the Sports37™ Lifeguard Training Program, a partnership between the Chicago Park District and After School Matters. More information can be found at www.afterschoolmatters.org.

A digital copy of the current lifeguarding manual is available at www.redcross.org/participantmaterials.

PROVE YOURSELF

Lifeguards hired by the Chicago Park District must demonstrate that they possess the physical ability that is required for the job. Those physical abilities are:

- 200-yard swim in less than 3 min., 30 sec. (*4 min., 30 sec. for Shallow Water Attendants*)
- 20-yard underwater swim
- Retrieval of a 10-pound object from a depth of 10-14 feet
- Breaks and Holds and Towing from Front and Rear positions

The following dates have been designated for Lifeguard Testing. Candidates must submit an application before they can attend a lifeguard test. All tests will take place at Whitney Young High School (210 S. Loomis).

- Friday, December 28, 2018 (4:00 pm)
- Saturday, March 23, 2019 (9:00 am)
- Saturday, April 27, 2019 (9:00 am)
- Saturday, May 11, 2019 (9:00 am)
- Friday, May 31, 2019 (7:00 pm - retest only)

Candidates will be asked to provide a picture ID at the door in order to be admitted to the test. Spectators will not be allowed in the building during the test.

COMPLETE ADDITIONAL SCREENING

All applicants seeking employment with the Chicago Park District must complete Human Resources screening and processing. These steps may include:

- Verification of Residency (Driver's License or State ID with a Chicago address)
- Settlement of outstanding debts to the City of Chicago
- Fingerprint / Background Check (for candidates 17 and over)
- Drug Testing (may be conducted prior to employment and randomly throughout the summer)
- Verification of 20/20 Vision (Driver's License or Vision Test)
- Employment Paperwork completed and submitted

Instructions for additional processing will be provided by phone or e-mail from the Chicago Park District. Any processing that you are directed to do must be completed before you can be hired.

ATTEND A TRAINING ACADEMY

NEW GUARD ACADEMY

A five-day course on the operation of Chicago Park District Beaches & Pools. This course will allow trainers to assess a candidate's ability to be on time and prepared to work, follow directions, perform rescue and life-saving skills, and complete tasks under supervision. This assessment will result in a ranking, ensuring that the most qualified candidates receive first choice for work locations.

The following dates have been set aside for New Guard Academy. Candidates must register for this training at the lifeguard test before attending New Guard Academy.

- April 30 – May 4, 2019
- May 14 – May 18, 2019
- May 21 – May 25, 2019
- June 4 – June 8, 2019

NEW LIFEGUARD GRADUATION

Candidates who successfully complete the New Guard Academy will be invited to attend the New Lifeguard Graduation. There you will receive your interview date and time based on your class ranking. The graduation will take place at Whitney Young H.S. on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

FORMER SCHOOL

A one-day training designed to assess the retention of basic skills from the previous year. Candidates will be evaluated on all American Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguarding skills, including the written test. Candidates must demonstrate proficiency in all skills in order to be hired.

Candidates will be directed to review online training materials before attending their in-person skills assessment. Links to those trainings can be found on the Former School flier.

The following dates have been set aside for Former School. Candidates must register for this training at the lifeguard test before attending Former School.

- December 29, 2018
- December 30, 2018
- December 31, 2018 (if needed)
- March 24, 2019
- March 31, 2019
- April 7, 2019
- April 28, 2019
- May 5, 2019
- May 19, 2019
- June 1, 2019
- June 8, 2019 (retest only)

GET HIRED

Once you've completed all of these steps, you will be invited to a final interview where your location assignment may be discussed and you may be offered a position for Summer 2019. A couple of things to keep in mind:

- The 2019 season will run from June 14th to September 2nd.
- Positions are assigned based on staffing projections, seniority, and rank. Because of this you may not get assigned to your preferred location.
- Once hired, lifeguards will be expected to work 40 hours per week (30 hours per week for shallow water attendants) through Labor Day weekend.
- Extended absences will not be permitted during the summer season.

If you are a former lifeguard, you may be eligible for skeleton crew, which begins May 24th. Skeleton Crew positions are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If you have any questions about the Chicago Park District's Lifeguard Hiring and Training process, please ask one of our Natatorium Instructors at any of our aquatic facilities. If you still have questions, you can contact the Beaches & Pools Unit at 773-363-2225.

American Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguard Training Classes 2019

- Lifeguarding / First Aid / CPR / AED
- Waterfront Skills
- Administering Emergency Oxygen
- Bloodborne Pathogens Training
- Asthma Inhaler Training
- Epinephrine Auto Injector Training

\$50 for course materials
 + \$21 for certification, paid to the Red Cross
 \$71 for training and certification.

Schedule subject to change. Register online at
www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/lifeguards

Kennedy High School February 4 - 8 and 11 - 15	5625 S. Mobile	(312) 747-1276 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Ridge Park February 12 - 16 and 19 - 22	9625 S. Longwood 4:30 pm - 9:00 pm weekdays, 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm Saturday	(312) 747-0402
Independence Park February 15, 19 - 22, 26 - March 1, and March 5	3945 N. Springfield	(773) 478-3538 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Gill Park February 20 - March 22, Wednesdays and Fridays only	833 W. Sheridan	(312) 742-5807 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm
LaFollette Park February 26 - March 1, 5 - 8 and 12 - 13	1333 N. Laramie	(773) 287-1940 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Ellis Park March 5 - 8, 12 - 15 and 19 - 20	3520 S. Cottage Grove	(773) 285-8737 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Shabbona Park March 7 - 8, 12 - 15 and 19 - 22	6935 W. Addison	(773) 685-6387 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
West Pullman Park March 18 - 22, and 25 - 29	401 W. 123rd Street	(312) 747-7340 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Eckhart Park March 19 - 23, and 26 - 30	1330 W. Chicago 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm weekdays, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturdays	(312) 746-5553
Don Nash Comm. Center April 2 - 6, and 9 - 13	1833 E. 71st Street 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm weekdays, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Saturdays	(773) 256-0906
Piotrowski Park April 15 - 19 (CPS Spring Break)	4247 W. 31st Street	(312) 550-5564 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Foster Park April 15 - 19 (CPS Spring Break)	1440 W. 84th Street	(312) 747-7612 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Whitney Young High School April 15 - 19 (CPS Spring Break)	210 S. Loomis	(312) 882-5075 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Uplift High School April 15 - 19 (CPS Spring Break)	900 W. Wilson Ave.	(312) 742-7709 8:00am-4:30pm
Chicago Agricultural High School April 15 - 19 (CPS Spring Break)	3857 W. 111th Street	(312) 636-7507 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sheridan Park April 22 - 26 (Catholic School Spring Break)	910 S. Aberdeen	(312) 533-7296 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Hayes Park April 23 - 27 (Catholic School Spring Break)	2936 W. 85th Street	(312) 745-2200 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Homan Square Park April 30 - May 4, and May 7 - 11	3517 W. Arthington 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm weekdays, 12:30 - 4:30 Saturdays	(312) 746-6656
Kosciuszko Park May 14 - 17, and May 21 - 24	2732 N. Avers	(312) 742-7556 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Harrison Park May 14 - 18, and 21 - 24	1824 S. Wood 4:30 pm - 9:00 pm weekdays, 12:30 - 4:30 Saturday	(312) 746-9490
McGuane Park May 21 - 24, May 28 - June 1	2901 S. Poplar 5:00 pm - 9:00pm weekdays, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday	(312) 747-7463

Former Lifeguard Training Academy

FORMER LIFEGUARD TRAINING ACADEMY is an online and in-person review of knowledge and skills for the safe operation of a beach or swimming pool. It is open to returning lifeguards who possess a current Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguard certification and who worked for the Park District as a lifeguard in 2018. Candidates must complete the online training prior to in-person testing, which will consist of 2 written tests, a CPR skills test, and a rescue skills test.

- Link for Beaches & Pools online training (46 pages, 1 hour):
<https://forms.gle/FGRSGyZ3pUaqK7av5>
- Link to register for recertification: classes.redcross.org/R/class000000007446034/1330201442
- Link for Red Cross Lifeguarding online intensive course (7 hours):
<https://www.redcrosslearning.com/course/73031950-15c1-11e7-b4e0-51657ecd06af>
- Link to a digital copy of the lifeguarding manual: www.redcross.org/participantmaterials

#	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
1	Saturday December 29, 2018	9:30am – 5:00pm	Harrison Park	1824 S. Wood
2	Sunday December 30, 2018	9:30am – 5:00pm	Harrison Park	1824 S. Wood
3	Monday December 31, 2018	8:30am – 4:00pm	Ping Tom Park	1700 S. Wentworth
4	Sunday March 24, 2019	9:30am – 5:00pm	Harrison Park	1824 S. Wood
5	Sunday March 31, 2019	9:30am – 5:00pm	Harrison Park	1824 S. Wood
6	Sunday April 7, 2019	9:30am – 5:00pm	Harrison Park	1824 S. Wood
7	Sunday April 28, 2019	9:30am – 5:00pm	Harrison Park	1824 S. Wood
8	Sunday May 5, 2019	9:30am – 5:00pm	Harrison Park	1824 S. Wood
9	Sunday May 19, 2019	9:30am – 5:00pm	Harrison Park	1824 S. Wood
10	Saturday June 1, 2019	9:30am – 5:00pm	Stanton Park	618 W. Scott

Candidates, bring a **swimsuit and hip pack with pocket mask** to Former School and arrive on time.

New Lifeguard Training Academy

The NEW LIFEGUARD TRAINING ACADEMY will be held on **five (5) consecutive days**, including a final testing date. Only those applicants who have taken the qualifying LIFEGUARD SWIM TEST will be admitted. Registration for the Lifeguard Academy will be held on the test date. Attendance of all 5 days within a session is highly recommended.

ACADEMY #1	ACADEMY #2	ACADEMY #3	ACADEMY #4
<p>April 30 – May 4, 2019</p> <p>Tuesday – Friday 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm</p> <p>Saturday (Testing Day) 9:00 am – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Washington Refectory 5531 S. Russell Drive</p> <p>* Parking lot at the corner of Russell Drive and Morgan Drive (55th Street)</p> <p>* Green Line stop at Garfield</p> <p><u>Pool Training will be held at:</u> Dyett High School 555 E. 51st Street on Thurs., May. 2nd</p>	<p>May 14 – 18, 2019</p> <p>Tuesday – Friday 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm</p> <p>Saturday (Testing Day) 9:00 am – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Rainbow Beach Park 3111 E. 77th Street</p> <p>* Parking lot at Rainbow Beach</p> <p><u>Pool Training will be held at:</u> Foster Park 1440 W. 84th Street on Thurs., May 16th</p>	<p>May 21 – 25, 2019</p> <p>Tuesday – Friday 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm</p> <p>Saturday (Testing Day) 9:00 am – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Humboldt Park 1440 N. Humboldt Dr.</p> <p>* Parking at the Humboldt Park Boathouse (1339 N. Humboldt Dr.)</p> <p><u>Pool Training will be held at:</u> Homan Square Park 3559 W. Arthington on Thurs., May 23rd</p>	<p>June 4 – 8, 2019</p> <p>Tuesday – Friday 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm</p> <p>Saturday (Testing Day) 9:00 am – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Armour Square Park 3309 S. Shields</p> <p>* Street Parking on 33rd or Shields (White Sox are Away)</p> <p>* Red Line stop at Sox 35th</p> <p><u>Pool Training will be held at:</u> Dyett High School 555 E. 51st Street on Thurs., June 6th</p>

New Lifeguard Academy is a comprehensive training program that will include a basic fitness component. Workout clothes are required for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and a swimsuit is required on Thursday. An American Red Cross Lifeguarding Book (r. 2017) is recommended, and a CPR Pocket Mask is required for all training days.