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# chicago park district

## Beaches and Pools Unit New Lifeguard Candidates Information Sheet



### Swim Test Dates:

March 21, 2009  
April 25, 2009  
May 2, 2009

Place: Curie High School  
4949 S. Archer

Time: 9:00 A.M.

### Application Form Deadlines:

March 6, 2009  
April 10, 2009  
April 17, 2009

Applicants will report for the testing and employment processing date of their choice.

## Lifeguard Qualifications

### TO BE EMPLOYED AS A CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT LIFEGUARD YOU MUST:

- ✓ Be a Resident of the City of Chicago. Proof of residency MUST be presented at swim test.
- ✓ Be 16 years of age by July 1, 2009.
- ✓ Have an American Red Cross Lifeguarding, or equivalent, valid through 2009 to include the following components:
  - American Red Cross CPR for Professional Rescuer, or equivalent, valid through 2009
  - American Red Cross First Aid, or equivalent, valid through 2009
  - American Red Cross AED, or equivalent, valid through 2009
  - American Red Cross Oxygen Administration, or equivalent, valid through 2009
  - American Red Cross Bloodborne Pathogens Training or equivalent, valid through 2009
- ✓ Have a Chicago Park District Lifeguarding Card, valid in 2009.

**SEE PAGE 3 FOR CLASS LOCATIONS AND DATES**

To be eligible to enter the Chicago Park District Lifeguard Training Academy and to be hired, LIFEGUARD APPLICANTS MUST PASS THE SWIM TEST, which has the following requirements:

- 200-yard swim against time. No backstroke allowed. Slowest passing time = 3 min. 30 sec.
- 25-yard underwater swim.
- Retrieve an object from the bottom of the pool in 14 feet of water from a surface dive.
- Break the Front and Rear Strangle Hold in Lifesaving.
- Cross Chest Carry a subject for 25 yards.

*All candidates will be required to take a vision test.*

*All candidates must have satisfactory hearing and speaking skills.*

**No one is guaranteed employment simply because he or she has passed the above lifeguard swim test.**

In order to be admitted to the swim test you will need the following:

### Identification with a photograph such as:

- ✓ An Illinois Driver's License **OR**
- ✓ An Illinois State I.D. Card

### **AND one of the following:**

- ✓ A Social Security Card, U.S. Passport, **OR** U.S. Birth Certificate

## Pre-Employment Requisites for Hiring

The position you have applied for in the Chicago Park District requires you to take a **PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG SCREENING TEST**.  
The Chicago Park District does not knowingly employ anyone who is currently using drugs.

**All applicants that are 17 & over will be fingerprinted before being hired.**

## New Lifeguard Training Academy

The NEW LIFEGUARD TRAINING ACADEMY will be held on **five (5) successive dates**. There will also be 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 at all 5 days within each session is highly recommended. **Lifeguarding Book, CPR mask, SCUBA mask and fins are required.**

ACADEMY 1	ACADEMY 2	ACADEMY 3	ACADEMY 4
May 12,13,14,15,16 T – F: 5 – 10pm Sat: Testing	May 12,13,14,15,16 T – F: 5 – 10pm Sat: Testing	May 26,27,29,29,30 T – F: 5 – 10pm Sat: Testing	May 26,27,28,29,30 T – F: 5 – 10pm Sat: Testing
Margate Park 4921 N. Marine Dr.	Rainbow Beach Park 3111 E. 77 <sup>th</sup> St.	Margate Park 4921 N. Marine Dr.	Rainbow Beach Park 3111 E. 77 <sup>th</sup> St.

*Specific locations and times will be available at registration on the test dates. In general, there will be one location north and one south and the start time will be after school @ 5:00pm. Saturday times will be announced during the week of the Training Academy. Each Academy will have one day at Whitney Young High School.*

Do not wait until classes begin to work on your conditioning. Call (312) 742-5121 for information to start working with an instructor IMMEDIATELY at any of the Chicago Park District pools.

**Complete all downloaded seasonal application forms. Be sure to have parental signature where indicated.**

**Mail the Lifeguard Applicant Packet to:**

**CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT  
Department of Human Resources  
541 North Fairbanks  
Chicago, Illinois 60611**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING TRAINING LOCATIONS AND/OR THE APPLICATION PROCESS, PLEASE CALL (312) 742-5121.**

**American Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguard Training Classes**

*Classes are 40 hours total. Please bring cash for books, mask, fins and snorkel.*

*Call location for more information or (312) 742-5121*

<p><b>Welles Park 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave</b> 312 742-7515 February 6, 2009 5:00pm – 9:00pm, and February 7 9:00am – 3:00pm, and February 10,11 &amp; 13 5:00pm – 9:00pm, February 14 9:00am – 5:00pm, and February 20 &amp; 27 5:00pm – 9:00 pm, and March 3 5:00pm – 9:00pm</p>
<p><b>Amundsen High School 5110 N Damen Ave</b> 773 534-2425 February 9 – 11, 2009 3:30pm – 9:30pm, and February 12 – 13 1:30 – 9:30, and February 14 9:00am – 5:00pm</p>
<p><b>Gill Park 833 W. Sheridan Rd</b> 312 742-5807 February 17, 2009 through March 19 on Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30pm – 9:30pm</p>
<p><b>Ridge Park 9625 S. Longwood Drive</b> 312 747-0402 February 17 – 20, 2009 and February 24 - 27 5:00pm – 10:00pm, and February 28 9:00am – 1:00pm</p>
<p><b>Eckhart Park 1330 W. Chicago Ave</b> 312 746-5553 March 3 – March 6, 2009, and March 10 - 13, and March 17 - 18 5:00pm – 9:00pm</p>
<p><b>Shabbona Park 6935 W. Addison St</b> 773 685-6387 March 17 – 20, 2009, and March 24 – 27 4:00pm – 9:00pm</p>
<p><b>Piotrowski Park 4247 W. 31<sup>st</sup> St</b> 312 296-0093 March 31 – April 30, 2009 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 7:00pm – 9:45pm</p>
<p><b>Sheridan Park 910 S. Aberdeen St</b> 312 746-5370 April 3, 2009 5:00pm – 9:00pm and April 7 – 10 5:00pm – 9:00pm, and April 11 12:00am – 4:00pm, and April 14 – 17 5:00pm – 9:00pm</p>
<p><b>Agricultural High School 3857 W. 111<sup>th</sup> St.</b> 773 535-2500 ex: 6,3 April 6 – 10, 2009 9:00am – 6:00pm (CPS Spring Break)</p>
<p><b>Collins High School 1313 S Sacramento Ave</b> 773-534-1500 ex:89363 April 6 – 10, 2009 9:00am – 6:00pm (CPS Spring Break)</p>
<p><b>Mann Park 2949 E. 131<sup>st</sup> St</b> 773 646-0265 April 7 - 10, 2009 – 10, and April 14 – 17, and April 21 – 22 5:00pm – 9:00pm</p>
<p><b>Harrison Park 1824 S. Wood St</b> 312 746-9490 April 14 – 17, 2009 and April 21 – 24, and April 28 - 29 5:00pm – 9:00pm</p>
<p><b>West Pullman Park 401 W. 123<sup>rd</sup> St</b> 312 747-7340 April 21 -24, 2009 and April 28 – May 1, and May 4 - 7 4:00pm – 8:00pm</p>
<p><b>Kosciuszko Park 2732 N. Avers Ave</b> 312 742-7556 April 28, 2009 – May 1 5:00pm – 9:00pm, and May 2 1:00pm – 5:00pm, and May 5 - 8 5:00pm – 9:00pm, and May 9 1:00pm – 5:00pm</p>
<p><b>Foster Park 1440 W. 84<sup>th</sup> St</b> 312 747-7612 May 5 – 8, 2009, and May 12 – 15, and May 19 - 20 5:00pm – 9:00pm</p>

