

LIFEGUARD

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This is important work involving the responsibility for the life and protection of persons swimming or otherwise using the recreational facilities of a pool or beach area. Incumbent may be required to rescue persons experiencing difficulties in the water and administer life-saving techniques. Incumbent may also be required to administer simple first aid when necessary. The work is carried out under the general direction of the Camp Aquatics Director and/or Camp Director.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

The following is indicative of the level and types of activities performed by incumbents in this title. It is not meant to be all inclusive and does not preclude a supervisor from assigning activities not listed which could reasonably be expected to be performed by an employee in this title.

1. Patrols bathing area during operating hours;
2. Patrols open water in a rowboat to prevent drowning accidents;
3. Implements/oversees buddy system and board system or other approved bather accountability system;
4. Responds to bathing facility emergencies;
5. Enforces beach and pool regulations;
6. Keeps beach or pool free of glass or other debris; assists in cleaning bathing and bathroom areas prior to and during operating hours;
7. Assists in giving first aid;
8. May instruct beginners in swimming.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Good knowledge of the principles and practices of water safety, artificial respiration and emergency first aid;

Ability to swim well;

Ability to operate water safety equipment;

Ability to understand and carry out oral and written directions;

Ability to function well under stress;

Personal characteristics necessary to perform the duties of the position;

Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Must meet requirements of Part 6 of the New York State Sanitary Code: Candidates must possess a current American Red Cross (ARC) Basic Life Support for the Professional Rescuer; cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT

Candidates must be at least 17 years of age, (except for a maximum of 20 percent of the required total number of lifeguards on duty who may be at least 16 years of age).

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