

City of Wood River

Wood River Municipal Swimming Pool

Lifeguard

Overview

Prevent accidents through the enforcements of policies, rules, regulations, and ordinances governing the conduct of patrons at Wood River Municipal Swimming Pool.

Ensure the safety of patrons in and around the pool by providing constant surveillance of participants. Monitor swimmers, enforce safety rules, and respond to emergencies quickly and appropriately. Provide emergency medical care until emergency officials arrive. Maintain cleanliness of the pool area and decks and ensure all hazards are removed. Complete safety reports and records as required and ensure positive relations are maintained with the public.

General responsibilities

Display honest, trustworthy, and ethical behavior when dealing with internal and external customers.

Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Regular attendance that is punctual and dependable is required.

Maintain order in pools by preventing accidents through enforcement of policies, rules, regulations, and ordinances governing the conduct of patrons.

Monitor facilities for potential hazards or unsafe conditions, provide first aid to patrons.

Ensure swimmers are well supervised in the pool and on decks through constant surveillance.

Enforce rules and regulations. Report safety problems and hazards to appropriate personnel.

Perform water rescues and provide first aid and CPR as necessary.

Prepare records, accident reports, and other administrative paperwork. Complete first aid forms and make notes of water rescues performed during shift.

Maintain pool area by cleaning decks and drains. Vacuum and clean pool and deck when necessary. Remove unnecessary equipment from the pool area.

Assist patrons in a positive, caring, and productive manner.

Promptly respond to questions and concerns.

Constantly stay alert and attentive while on duty.

Tactfully handle safety violators.

Maintain a professional appearance.

Assist other Lifeguards and area personnel as necessary. Stay aware of other Lifeguard chairs and areas of responsibility.

Keep management well informed of pool maintenance needs, area activities and of any significant problems.

Attend all staff meetings and in-service training sessions.

Stay current in all required safety certifications.

Ensure work areas are clean, secure, and well maintained.

Complete special projects as assigned.

Reporting

Receives general supervision from the Aquatics Manager

Exercises no supervision.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Front crawl, breaststroke, surface diving.

Current American Red Cross CPR and BLS, American Red Cross First Aid, and American Red Cross Lifeguard Training.

Lifesaving techniques including backboard rescue.

Understanding of City of Wood River policies and procedures and all applicable safety regulations

Ability to:

Swim 300 yards continuously using each of the following strokes for 100 yards each: crawl stroke and breaststroke. The stroke(s) used for the remaining 100 yards are the participant's choice.

Swim 20 yards using front crawl or breaststroke, surface dive 7 – 10 feet, retrieve a 10 pound object, return to the surface, swim 20 yards back to the starting point and exit the water without using a ladder or steps, within 1 minute, 40 seconds.

Tread water for 2 minutes using only the legs.

Strong swimming and life saving abilities.

Work with a team.

Be alert, attentive, and responsible.

Pass prepared swim test.

Education, Training and Experience

Any combination of experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. Must be 16 years of age.

Licenses/Certifications/Registrations Required:

Possession of, or ability to obtain, an American Red Cross WSI Certification.