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"City Summer Jobs at AquaVenture"



Last year many people found jobs at the new AquaVenture Memorial Water Park in Norfolk. Besides all of the workers who sold nachos in the concessions area and made change at the entrance, there were many lifeguards and aids who were hired to watch over all of the swimming areas of the park. The City of Norfolk is encouraging those who are interested in serving as a lifeguard this summer or work as a cashier or in concessions to apply right now for those positions.

Last summer nearly 50 lifeguards were hired to work shifts that included hours seven days a week from noon until 8:00 pm each day.

"We will need 40-50 lifeguards this summer plus an additional 10-12 swimming aids. There will be 15 lifeguards per shift with two shifts each day. We don't have any place in the facility that isn't monitored closely," said Sheila Schukei, Human Resources Director for the City of Norfolk.

Lifeguards must be at least 15 years old and have their lifeguard certification.

Schukei said that the lifeguard jobs are part time positions with a minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour and some guards with more experience possibly may be paid up to \$9 or \$10 an hour. Lifeguards will also teach swimming lessons, help clean the facility each night and prepare it before it opens each morning.

"Lifeguarding is a great opportunity to work with kids, learn about responsibility and serve as a mentor to the many kids who come to the water park each day," Schukei said.

The newly opened park was a popular attraction this summer with over 63,000 visitors. Lifeguards also used the new park facilities to teach 456 group swimming lessons and 210 private lessons.

Applications are being taken now through the end of February with interviewing starting in March. Jobs will be offered to applicants the end of March and the beginning of April. There will also be 12-15 people hired to work in the concessions stand and as cashiers at the park. Applications may be picked up at the City of Norfolk office at 309 N. Fifth Street or can be found on the city's website at www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/humanresources.