

Press Release

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LIFEGUARDS Needed!

H.P.A.R.D. Has Openings for Summer Jobs at Area Pools Wage Range from \$10.30 to \$14.00 Per Hour At 37 Pools Across City Applications Must Be Received by April 15 To Be Considered

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) is seeking applicants to fill open lifeguard positions at 37 pools for the 2014 swim season. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age, be American Red Cross Certified, and pass a skills screening test prior to being considered for employment. The department will assist applicants who pass the skills screening test prepare for the American Red Cross Certification test and will consider these candidates for employment once they have attained this certification. H.P.A.R.D. Lifeguard job position wage range is \$10.30 to \$14.00 per hour based on position. Applications must be made by April 15, 2014.

"Summer is rapidly approaching and we are currently looking for American Red Cross Certified Lifeguards for our 37 pools," said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "The need is urgent as we will be opening all H.P.A.R.D. pools at the same time this year as opposed to having a two phase opening. This means we will need over 140 lifeguards ready to go and staff our 37 pools on May 24th. Our goal is to make sure all Houstonians across the city have access to their neighborhood pool all summer long beginning Memorial Day weekend."

The H.P.A.R.D.Summer Swim Season runs from Memorial Day, May 24, through Labor Day, September 1. The 2014 Summer Swim Season Pool Schedule is:

| Date | Pools Open | Time | Days Open |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| May 24 – June 8 | 37 Pools Open | 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Saturdays and Sundays |
| | | | Plus Memorial Day Monday |
| June 10 – August 17 | 37 Pools Open | 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Tuesday – Sunday |
| | | | All pools closed on Mondays |
| | | | Except for Holidays |
| August 18 – Sept 1 | 37 Pools Open | 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Saturdays and Sundays |
| | | | PlusLabor Day Monday |
| May 26, 2014 | 37 Pools Open | 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Memorial Day Holiday |
| July 4, 2014 | 37 Pools Open | 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Fourth of July Holiday |
| Sept 1, 2014 | 37 Pools Open | 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Labor Day Holiday |

Applications for H.P.A.R.D. Lifeguard positions must be made through the City of Houston online job site at http://www.houstontx.gov/jobs/index.html.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,832 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.