

Rock River Rapids/DRC Lifeguard Opportunities Fact Sheet

Lifeguarding is a great opportunity for fun and challenging summer employment. Lifeguards use their basic safety training to transition to other safety professions such as EMT's, firefighting, and other quality professions.

What does it take to become a lifeguard?

An individual must complete a certified lifeguard training course and be a minimum of 15 years old.

There are three courses this spring including one during USD #260 Spring Break.

Courses are approximately 31 hours over several days.

Courses cost \$175 to take. American Red Cross Lifeguard certifications are valid at most aquatic facilities.

Most individuals who successfully complete the course are offered positions at Rock River Rapids or the Derby Recreation indoor aquatics facility.

Do I have to be a strong swimmer?

There are some basic requirements.

Lifeguards must be able to swim a minimum of 300 meters and know how to do the front crawl and breaststroke. They must also be able to retrieve a ten pound weight from the bottom of the pool and swim it to the side in 100 seconds.

It would be smart to practice some basic skills and gain endurance in the water prior to lifeguarding courses.

Are there additional trainings available?

The DRC requires a water park lifeguarding course to work at Rock River Rapids.

DRC/RRR employees are not required to pay for this course.

Lifeguards can take water safety instructor courses to become qualified to teach swim lessons if they are 16 years of age.

When would I work?

Rock River Rapids begins operation on May 25th and continues through the first day of school in USD #260.

Employment and training begin prior to the first day of the season.

Some guards continue employment at the DRC indoor aquatics facility at the end of summer.

What does lifeguarding pay?

Lifeguard positions start at \$7.50 an hour.

Experienced guards are eligible for higher wages.

Guards in good standing from previous seasons are given preference in hiring the next season.

The position offers flexible scheduling to adapt to summer schedules.

Who can I contact with questions? Asst Aquatics Director Kathy Zech, Kathy@derbyrec.com 788-3781 Director of Administration Derek Smith, derek@derbyrec.com 788-3781 Lifeguard Classes (All located at the DRC/801 East Market; Derby, Kansas) More information, including downloadable applications, is located at www.rockriverrapids.com