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## City of San Diego Recruiting Pool Lifeguards Ahead of Summer

On-the-Job Certification Training, Paid Benefits and Potential Pay Increases Aim to Attract New Hires

SAN DIEGO – Are you passionate about safety and fun? Want to spend time at the pool this summer? The City of San Diego's Parks and Recreation Department is currently hiring seasonal and year-round benefited pool guards for its 15 swimming pool facilities.

The department is hosting a hiring fair this Saturday, May 20, from 9-11 a.m. at the Clairemont Pool, located at 3600 Clairemont Dr. Before attending the hiring fair, interested candidates must apply online for a Pool Guard I or Pool Guard II position.

"We are looking for about 100 more pool lifeguards to join our ranks," said City of San Diego Aquatics District Manager Nicole McNeil. "This is a great opportunity to take on a job that is not only fun but serves the community by ensuring the safety of our aquatics patrons."

To encourage more applicants for Pool Guard positions, candidates who meet the age requirements for the Pool Guard I position do not need to be certified prior to applying. Successful candidates will be offered training and required certifications once hired. Applicants must be 16 years of age.

The City is also offering preparation opportunities for individuals who want to learn to swim and prepare for a job in aquatics. Anyone who is interested in becoming a Pool Guard, but who cannot yet meet the required skills is invited to practice and prepare at any City pool during designated hours at no cost. Visit the City's Pool Guard Prep webpage for locations and drop-in hours.

Another hiring fair will be offered on Saturday, June 24, from 9-11 a.m. at the Allied Gardens Pool, 6707 Glenroy St. Aquatic Pool Guard and Swimming Pool Manager positions are open on a continuous application period. These positions are part of a tentative labor agreement between the City and the Municipal Employees Association (MEA) which recently announced a negotiated 26% pay increase over the next three years.

Working for the City of San Diego offers the potential for career growth and advancement, with opportunities to promote to positions throughout Parks and Recreation and other various

departments. More information about a career in aquatics with the City of San Diego can be found at <a href="mailto:sandiego.gov/parksjobs">sandiego.gov/parksjobs</a> and click on "Job Opportunities."

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