



**WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**\$13.37 hourly**

**Must be available to work June 10<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>**

**APPLICATION CLOSING DATE:**

**Open Until Filled – Priority Screening in February**

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

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**ABOUT THE POSITION:**

City of Gilroy is recruiting for seasonal Water Safety Instructors for the 2019 Summer Season. The main goal of the Recreation Department is to offer excellent recreation programs that provide community members with a wide-range of opportunities to celebrate life and community through people, parks, programs, and special events which are delivered by a team of employees dedicated to offering quality recreational, social, and cultural services to all Gilroy residents

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

Under direct supervision of the Pool Manager and/or the Assistant Pool Manager, is responsible for the instruction of youth and adults with basic to advanced swimming skills, supervising the safety of participants during swim lessons and enforcing pool safety and sanitation rules whenever the pool facility is in use. Employees in this classification supervise the participants in the summer aquatics program. This is a temporary/seasonal position.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

1. Observe pool areas to insure cleanliness and safe, proper use of facilities and equipment.
2. Maintain constant surveillance over pool users to ensure that they conduct themselves in a manner so as not to endanger themselves or others.
3. Enforce pool rules and regulations as they pertain to pool users.
4. Administer first aid, perform CPR with AED and summon lifeguards, supervisors and emergency personnel as required for injuries or other medical emergencies.
5. Administers practical swim tests to determine participants' skill level.
6. Teach swim lessons to participants of all ages and abilities according to the American Red Cross swim lesson standards and curriculum.
7. Complete report cards and certificates at the completion of each swim class.
8. Work at multiple, outdoor locations and in the water in variable temperatures and weather conditions.
9. Compile written report to document rescues, injuries, and other incidents as required.
10. Keep daily activity logs of rescues and other incidents involving the administration of first aid and enforcement of pool rules.

11. When not teaching swim lessons, may assist with dispatching waterslide riders according to OSHA and City of Gilroy guidelines for dispatching.
12. Communicates to Pool Manager and/or Assistant Manager any problems that take away from teaching swim lessons.
13. Directs use of equipment, including diving board, games, special event equipment.
14. Set-up pool area and cleanup after instruction.
15. Develop positive relationships with pool users to ensure cooperation with pool rules and positive public relations.
16. Assist in the closure of swimming pool areas as warranted.
17. Participate in related training programs and staff meetings.
18. Perform related work as required

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Completion of Grade 10 or Sophomore year in High School. This provision may be waived (at the sole discretion of the City of Gilroy) for applicants who have obtained a valid American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor certification as currently the minimum age for American Red Cross certification is 16.
2. The following valid certifications are required: American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor certification. The minimum age for American Red Cross certification is age 16.
3. CPR/AED and First Aid Certification preferred.
4. Any related experience helpful. Prior experience as a Lifeguard preferred. A typical way to acquire experience is to have actively participated in water polo teams, swim teams, sports programs, or similar activities outside a school setting and have some experience in supervising children, communicating with parents and the general public or demonstrate a good knowledge of competitive and lifesaving strokes.
5. May be required to possess and maintain a valid California Driver License along with a safe driving record necessary to operate assigned vehicle(s).
6. Valid tuberculosis (TB) Certificate.
7. Pass a pre-employment drug test.
8. Pass a Department of Justice criminal record check for employment.
9. Prefer non-tobacco user.
10. Prefer bilingual (English/Spanish).

### **The Ideal Candidate will:**

- Respond calmly and efficiently in emergency situations.
- Have the ability to make proper decisions according to policies and approved water safety training standards.
- Effectively performing first aid and CPR techniques.
- Swim the elementary backstroke, freestyle, sidestroke, and breaststroke, butterfly, and backstroke.
- Conduct a program of swimming instruction and water safety instruction.
- Remain vigilant, alert and act quickly in assisting lifeguards with rescues, rendering aid, summoning EMS and assisting lifeguards with these tasks.
- Enforce pool safety rules effectively and with a positive demeanor.
- Work various hours, including nights, weekends and holidays.
- Display customer service techniques to deal tactfully and courteously with program participants and the general public.
- Possess excellent attendance and punctuality.

**Upcoming 2019 Lifeguard Certification & Water Safety Instructor Certification Classes – See Attached Flyer**

## CITY OF GILROY SUMMER 2019 AQUATICS HIRING/TRAINING AND WORK SCHEDULE:

- February – April: Interviews & Swim Skills testing as needed (dates to be determined)
- April 1 to April 22: Pre-employment fingerprinting & drug screen appointments\*
- May 6, 7 & 8 (3:45 p.m.): Mandatory HR Orientation (candidates must attend one of these dates)
- June 10 to June 14 (all day): Mandatory In-Service training for all summer staff
- June 10 to August 4: Regular Season

\*Subject to change as needed by the City.

**All applicants must be able to attend all mandatory trainings.**

**Vacations:** Due to the nature and short duration of the summer programs, vacation schedules may not be accommodated. A maximum of 4 days of time-off during the entire Summer Swim Program will be considered, according to the feasibility of the schedule and at the discretion of the supervisor. If you request more than 4 days, we will choose 4 days from your request to allocate as time off. All applicants must list planned vacations in the supplemental questionnaire that is part of the on-line employment application. **All requests must be submitted on this form to be considered.** You may have additional time off during the summer, but you are responsible for getting those shifts covered by other staff (getting a shift covered by another staff member does NOT count toward your 4 days off). Hiring preference will be given to those applicants that have more availability during the summer programs.

**Employees will be required to purchase shorts and swim suit for this position that will meet the Aquatics dress code requirements. (See Uniform Dress Code)**

## COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

### Other Information

Temporary/seasonal employees are non-benefited, at-will positions. Temporary/seasonal employees are enrolled in the PARS retirement system with the City making an employer contribution and the employee contribution (6.2%) being deducted from your payroll check. The PARS retirement system is in lieu of participating in social security. You will, however, participate in the Medicare portion of social security as that is a required program.

### Payroll

Temporary/seasonal employees are paid from 21st of the month to the 20th of the next month on the first working day of the following month.

### Work Hours

Temporary/seasonal employees work hours will vary as needed to staff program. In addition, temporary/seasonal employees are limited to working no more than 5 consecutive months (May-September).

## SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Please list any prior experience you have that is related to the position of Water Safety Instructor. (Examples would be your experience with water polo teams, swim teams, sports programs, or experience in supervising children, communicating with parents and the general public).
2. Do you have a current Water Safety Instructor (WSI) certification? What is the expiration date on your card?
3. If you do not have the certification listed above, but are enrolled in a class to obtain it, please list the name, location and dates of the class. (You must submit proof of enrollment either by uploading a copy of your enrollment form to this on-line application or bringing in a copy to Human Resources).

4. Are you available to work all days of the week from June 10 through August 4? Yes    No
5. Will you be available to attend **Mandatory** HR Training on either May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup>? Yes    No
6. Please indicate what days you are requesting off during summer. **All requests must be submitted at time of application to be considered.** You will not be granted more than 4 vacation days off during the entire summer and requests are not guaranteed. If you request more than 4 days, we will choose 4 days from your request to allocate as time off. You may have additional time off during the summer, but you are responsible for getting those shifts covered by other staff (getting a shift covered by another staff member doesn't count toward your 4 days off).
7. If you were referred by a City of Gilroy employee please identify the employee (one name only, please).

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**City Application Form** – Candidates must complete the NEOGOV City of Gilroy application form for this position and submit on line. Please prepare attachments prior to completion of the NEOGOV application as incomplete applications will not be accepted.

**Apply Online:** Go to <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cityofgilroy>. You can apply online by clicking on the job title you are interested in and clicking on the "Apply" link. After viewing the Job Description, click the 'Apply' tab. If this is the first time you are applying using our online job application, you will need to create an account and select a Username and Password. After your account has been established, you can import your resume from LinkedIn, upload it from a saved document on your computer, or manually enter your personal information. This application will be saved and used to apply for future job openings.

**This position is open until filled.** To be considered **please submit all application materials**. Only the most qualified applicants with the most relevant experience and education will be invited to continue in the selection process

**NOTE: If you are also interested in the Pool Manager, Assistant Pool Manager, Head Lifeguard, Lifeguard II/Assistant Instructor, or Pool Cashier positions you will need to apply for each position separately.**

In addition, final candidates for the position are required to pass a State of California Department of Justice criminal records check, TB/PPD Testing, and drug screen, given at the City's expense, prior to appointment. If special accommodations are necessary at any stage of the selection process, please contact the Human Resources Department right away.

***Attention: Communication regarding your status in this recruitment process will be conducted via e-mail. Be sure to include your e-mail address on the employment application. Applicants are responsible for notifying Human Resources of any changes to an e-mail address and/or other contact information.***

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