

Western Kentucky Youth Camp

Job Description: Female Lifeguard

Reports to: WKYC President and Caretaker(s)

Summary & Position Objective

Western Kentucky Youth Camp (WKYC) is seeking a qualified, spiritually-minded individual to serve as a lifeguard for the summer of 2020. The applicant must have lifeguard and CPR certification, and be a Christian of strong character. The primary responsibility of the lifeguard is to ensure swimmer safety while campers are at the pool. The lifeguard must be present for all 9 summer sessions, arrive 1 week before the first week of camp, and engage in other camp functions outside of the pool area to enhance the camper experience. WKYC values discipleship and relationships, and we want all staff to help maintain a culture rooted in faith and friendship.

Responsibilities

Lifeguard responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Maintain the safety of all swimmers during the pool sessions.
- Monitor water conditions and guest behavior, enforcing safety rules and paying close attention to swimmer activities.
- Issue warnings if a camper or staff person is creating an unsafe environment and may determine when a guest must be excused.
- Conduct rescue operations should a swimmer need help leaving the water, and work with other camp staff to contact emergency services personnel should an emergent situation arise.
- Oversee the opening and closing of the pool each day of camp. The pool should be checked daily in the mornings and must be cleaned and filled. Water should not get below the skimmers.
- Conduct tests to maintain proper chlorine and pH levels of the water.
- Monitor weather conditions and consult with the weekly Director about potential pool closings.
- Facilitate swim tests as needed for each summer session.
- Contribute to the maintenance and upkeep of the pool, pool deck, and pool house. Weed eat and kill grass around the fence, and clean the baskets daily.
- Participate in other camp activities and support the ministries of the weekly Directors and by building relationships with the campers.
- Assist in operation of the Giant Swing (training and certification will be provided).
- Other duties as assigned by the Caretakers and WKYC Executive Board.

Skills and Qualifications

Lifeguards play an important role in maintaining a safe environment for swimmers. Lifeguards must be 18 years of age or older, be certified as a lifeguard, and possess the following skills:

- **Swimming** – lifeguards must be strong swimmers who can carry another person in water
- **Observation** – the ability to observe and monitor swimmers and safety conditions is vital
- **Attention to Detail** – a high level of attention to detail and concentration is required throughout the shift to ensure swimmer safety
- **Emergency Response** – if a swimmer is in danger, lifeguards need to calmly assess the situation and make critical decisions on the spot
- **Communication** – lifeguards must clearly communicate expectations for behavior at all times.