



NYC Parks

CITY OF NEW YORK PARKS & RECREATION SEASONAL JOB VACANCY NOTICE

Office Title: Aquatic Specialist

Civil Service Title: Recreation Specialist

Work Location: Citywide

Part-time/Flexible Hours – up to 21 hours per week

Duration: November 1, 2025 to June 15, 2026

Salary: \$25.17 per/hour

Number of Positions: 20

NYC Parks serves as the steward for over 30,000 acres of land, which includes 1,000 playgrounds, 36 recreation centers, 66 pools and 14 miles of beach. Our primary responsibility is to build and maintain clean, safe and accessible parks, and to create cultural and educational programs for New Yorkers of all ages to enjoy. The mission of Recreation is to enable all New Yorkers to lead physically active and intellectually stimulating lives through sports, fitness, outdoor adventure, technology, education, and the arts. Recreation programs include specialized exercise classes, youth sports, senior activities, summer camps and free afterschool programs. Recreation programming occurs throughout the City in NYC Parks recreation centers, parks and playgrounds.

Perks: seasonal employees earn sick and annual leave. All employees receive free membership to our recreation centers.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Under supervision, conduct dynamic and innovative workshops, sports and specialized recreational programs for the Aquatics Division.
- Provide swim instruction to tots, children, adults, seniors and people with special needs. Aquatic Specialists may be asked to coach swim teams, supervise lap swim, teach water exercise classes and serve as Aquatics Directors at Summer Camps.
- Develop and facilitate programming to engage New Yorkers in aquatic recreational activities.
- Lead and coach youth Aquatics programming.
- Instruct participants in basic fitness skills, including proper fitness equipment use, basic safety precautions and the health benefits of regular exercise.
- Lead aquatics fitness classes for New Yorkers of all ages.
- Maintain equipment and fitness areas daily, including keeping an inventory of necessary materials and supplies.
- Inspect public spaces and report evidence of unsafe or hazardous conditions.
- Establish program objectives, evaluate recreational programs and design cutting-edge curricula.
- Promote NYC Parks Recreation Center memberships and assist in events and special projects.
- Collect and submit accurate data, forms and reports to meet internal deadlines.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Three years of participation in an art, craft or other recreational pursuit as a teacher, performer, coach, official, contestant or demonstrator, including at least one year of experience in that art, craft or recreational pursuit to be performed on the job, as described below; or
2. Major study in that art, craft or recreational pursuit to be performed on the job, as described below, acquired in a high school, college or other appropriate institution over at least a three year period; or
3. A satisfactory equivalent combination of education and experience as described above. However, all candidates must have at least one year of experience or education in that art, craft or recreational pursuit to be performed on the job as described below.

Job assignments are limited to the following recreational activities: woodworking, weightlifting, tennis, aquatics, soccer, fencing, golf, gymnastics, ham radio, horseback riding, hockey, figure skating, martial arts, music, nature study, art, photography, dramatics, dance-roller skating, small crafts, sewing, astronomy, auto mechanics, baton twirling, bridge, chess, modern dance, dog obedience, puppetry, boxing and storytelling.

PREFERRED SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS

1. Water Safety Instructor and CPR/AED certified.
2. Experience recruiting, instructing and coaching sports, including girls', women's and non-traditional sports.
3. Excellent communication, organizational and customer service skills.
4. Able to work weekends and non-traditional hours.

Residency in New York City, Nassau, Orange, Rockland, Suffolk, Putnam or Westchester counties required for employees with over two years of city service. New York City residency required for all other candidates within 90 days of hire.

Fees: Hired candidates will be subject to a processing fee of \$40. Hired candidates who are not currently employed by the City will be subject to a \$101.25 background check fee.

How to Apply

All Applicants:

Go to cityjobs.nyc.gov and search for Job ID# 752471.

***Current City Employees please include your ERN on your cover letter and resume.**

POST DATE: 10/22/2025

POST UNTIL: Until Filled

NOTE: References will be required upon request. We appreciate the interest of all applicants. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE FOR THE DEAF: (212) 504-4115.

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