

Valleyfair a Cedar Fair Park

Lifeguard
Shakopee, MN



Company Biography

Spend your summer working and playing at one of America's greatest amusement parks. Valleyfair, the Upper Midwest's largest amusement park, features over 75 rides and attractions including eight thrilling rollercoasters, Dinosaurs Alive, Planet Snoopy with the Peanuts gang, dazzling live entertainment, delicious dining options and the newly expanded Soak City Waterpark featuring Breakers Pipeline, Breakers Plunge and Barefoot Beach! Why you should spend your summer here:- FREE entry to the amusement park and waterpark on your days off! - Organized cultural events: parties, potlucks, movie nights, etc.- FREE transportation to local shops, the grocery store, and other activities.- Very affordable housing! Housing costs are based on the number of hours you work.- Catch a Major League Baseball Game (Minneapolis has FIVE professional sports teams, including baseball, football, hockey and basketball).- Explore the MALL OF AMERICA (the largest shopping mall in the United States).- Spend some time at one of Minnesota's lakes (Minnesota is the Land of 10,000 Lakes. There are over 22 lakes in the metropolitan area alone and will provide a great opportunity for you to get outdoors to bike, kayak, canoe or swim).

Work and Pay Details

Position title: Lifeguard

Hourly wage: \$10.50

Tips? No

Description of position:

Any new associate hired in a lifeguard position will be hired as an attendant until they go through the Ellis course and pass the tests associated with the course. The pay rate for an attendant is \$9.50. Responsible for guarding a body of water, scanning the water, enforcing the Waterpark rules and the ability to pass waterpark audits.

This position is responsible for guarding swimmers in their coverage zone and for the safe and efficient operations of the aquatic area. Other duties include providing proper dispatch intervals in accordance with standard operating procedures. Lifeguards will work outdoors and will be exposed to direct sunlight.

Specific qualifications required:

Lifeguard training classes and certification are provided by Valleyfair at no cost to students. Applicants must pass all practical and written tests. Students must be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions. For reasons of safety, ability to speak and understand English must be excellent. Must pass a mandatory pre-employment drug screen upon arrival. Should be friendly and outgoing.

Here is what is required to be a lifeguard:

-All swimmers must be able to:

- oComplete the training program (written and swim) including CPR, First Aid, swim rescue, and spinal injury management (written exam requires 80 percent or better)
- oExit the pool from any point without using stairs or ladder
- oRetrieve a 10lb brick (difficulty will differ with deep and shallow)
- oMeet all course prerequisites
- oAttend ALL class periods (and be on time)
- oDemonstrate proper attitude, maturity, and judgment

-For a Shallow Guard you must be able to complete the following:

- oSwim 50 yards (45.72 meters)
- oSwim a distance of 10 ft. underwater and retrieve a 10lb brick from a depth of 5 ft. (feet first)

-For a Deep Guard you must be able to complete the following:

- oSwim 200 yards (182.88 meters)
- oRetrieve a 10lb diving brick from bottom of pool at its deepest location (feet first)
- oTread water for 2 minutes without using arms

**Participating in the ILTP lifeguard course requires that lifeguard candidates be in good physical condition. Any limitations that may present any health or safety hazard should be communicated to the facility/instructor.

Estimated weekly wage (incl. tips): \$367.50

Bonus: None

Conditions of bonus:

Average hours for last year's students? 48 Hours

Maximum weekly hours allowed: 70 Hours

Minimum average number of hours? 35 Hours

Possibility of getting more than average hours: Good

Students get the most hours in: July and August

Students get the least hours in: May, Sept and Oct.

How often are students paid? Every Two Weeks

Work and Pay Details			
Do you pay overtime?	No	If yes, after how many hours per week do you pay overtime?	Not specified
Does your company only operate weekends before or after specific dates?		Yes	
If yes, what are the dates?			
The park is open weekends only after Labor Day (September 7). Students should expect 20-25 hours per week in the month of September. Remember that the weekly housing cost will be reduced based on number of hours worked (see housing information for more information). Students are encouraged to travel during the weeks in the month of September. Possible set-up and clean-up work will be available for additional hours, but is not guaranteed.			
Position location:		1 Valley Fair Drive Shakopee MN 55379	

Other Job Details	
Minimum english level: (5) Upper Intermediate	
Description of working conditions:	Lifeguards will be working in all types of weather, will be on your feet for entire shift, will interact with guests throughout your shift. Students will be required to maintain a clean work area and should not have any allergies to cleaning chemicals. Will be required to work in direct sunlight.
Will job duties be different at the beginning of the season? Yes	
If yes, provide details of specific job duties:	The park is open weekends only after Labor Day (September 1). Students should expect 20-25 hours per week in the month of September. Remember that the weekly housing cost will be reduced based on number of hours worked (see housing information for more information). Students are encouraged to travel during the weeks in the month of September. Possible set-up and clean-up work will be available for additional hours, but is not guaranteed.

Uniform and Grooming Requirements			
Are students required to wear a uniform?	Yes	If yes, what is the cost of the uniform?	Not specified
Are uniform laundry services available?	No	If yes, what is the cost of the laundry service?	\$0.00
Do students need to purchase specific clothing or footwear? Yes			
Details of purchasing required clothing or footwear:		Employees will need to provide their own white athletic shoes and white socks. Employees working in Food Services will need to have slip resistant soles on their shoes. The employer provides 3 sets of uniforms to each employee free of charge. It is the employee's responsibility to launder these on a regular basis.	
Do you have company grooming requirements? Yes			
Details of company grooming requirements?		Neat, clean appearance. No visible tattoos. No tattoos on the hands, neck, face or head. Men must have short hair, no facial hair, no jewelry. Women must have natural hair color and nails. Women are permitted to wear small earrings no larger than a small coin. Visible body branding, intentional body scarring; and skin or bone implants that modify one's appearance, other than for medically necessary reasons, are prohibited. Tongue splitting, earlobe expansion, otherwise known as "gauging" is also prohibited. Grooming guidelines will be discussed during interview.	

Other Company Details			
Company hires couples?	Yes	Company hires groups of up to 4?	Yes
Drug test required?	Yes	Do students complete an additional application upon arrival?	No
Does your company issue completion certificates?	No	If requested, will you evaluate the student's performance?	No
Any additional company details?			
Associates enjoy free admission to Valleyfair and Soak City when they are not working. Valleyfair offers many after hour events and activities including rides, nights, sporting events. Valleyfair also offers shuttle services (late May through the end of August) to local banks, grocery stores and area attractions including Mall of America and the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Valleyfair does provide uniforms for our associates. Associates are responsible for keeping their uniforms launder and in good repair. Valleyfair associates need to meet and comply with grooming standards when starting work. Valleyfair will provide a comprehensive training program to cover company information as well as department and location training. Valleyfair expects all associates to work the dates to which they agreed upon during the interview process. Make sure to only provide dates that you know you are available to work.			

Training Information			
Is job training required?	Yes	Length of training:	8 hours (more if needed)
Are students paid during training?	Yes	Hourly pay rate during training:	\$8.25
How many hours per week are students likely to receive during training period?		35	
Any other details?			

Training Information

Students should expect to work a minimum of 35 hours per week (weather dependent). In the months of May/June/September hours will be less. However, in the months of July/August students should expect to work up to 48 hours per week (additional hours may be available for those interested). Please remember that hours are weather dependent.

Worksite Location

Worksite location: 1 Valley Fair Drive Shakopee MN 55379

Nearest major city: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Worksite setting: Suburban

Nearest major airport: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Distance to nearest major airport: 25 miles (30 minutes by car)

Additional worksite setting details: Shakopee is 25 miles from Minneapolis. Here you can enjoy both the atmosphere of a small town and the resources of a large city!

Standard Arrival Information

Are students required to arrive or depart on specific dates? No

Details of required arrival or departure dates:

Mode of transportation: Public Transportation

Students must arrive between these hours: anytime

Cost: \$50.00

Other details:

Students should fly into Minneapolis/St. Paul International airport. Students should take a taxi from the airport to Valleyfair housing facilities. The housing facilities are staffed 24 hours a day so students can arrive at any time. Students should plan to arrive at Valleyfair 2 days before their job start date to get acclimated. Students must contact the employer at least 10 days prior to their arrival with their travel plans.

After Hours Arrival Information

General information: none - housing is open 24 hours per day / 7 days per week

Name of accommodation:

Accommodation address:

Cost per night: Not Specified

Best way to travel from airport to overnight accommodation:

Social Security

Are students required to apply for a social security card prior to arriving at worksite? No

Will the company assist students with their social security application? Yes

Assistance detail: Valleyfair will assist students with obtaining a Social Security Card. We are required to make appointments with our local office and we will provide the students with transportation to the local Social Security Office.

Where is the nearest social security office? Minneapolis, MN

Distance: 25 miles

How will students be paid until their social security card arrives? regular paycheck

Housing Details

Is housing provided? Yes

If not, will you assist students in finding housing? N/A

Are there affordable housing options in the area? N/A

Housing options in the area: N/A

Local housing resources: N/A

Housing address: 5605 East Highway 101 Shakopee MN 55379

Is the student required to sign a separate housing contract? No

Type of housing provided: Dormitory

Number of students to a room: 4

Housing details: Each room will house four people, bunk style beds, four locker-style closets, a dresser and a refrigerator. Each floor has a common restroom and shower facilities. A kitchen and TV lounges are available on each floor and internet is available at our housing facility. Coin operated laundry facilities are in each building. Each room has its own heating and air conditioning units.

The cost of housing is up to \$45.60 per week, which is deducted from your paycheck. Weekly housing cost is based on number of hours worked. Employees pay \$0.95/hour worked for housing. This is capped at 48 hours (or \$45.60 total). Therefore, if a student works more than 48 hours in one week, housing still costs \$45.60. However, if a student only works 35 hours in one week, housing will cost \$33.25 for that week.

Employees must be at least 18 years old to live in housing. No alcohol is permitted in the housing or on the property. The employer has a zero tolerance policy. This means that if a student is found with alcohol in the housing or anywhere on property, their job will be terminated.

Housing Details	
Do you offer co-ed housing?	No
Cost of housing - per week:	50.00
Includes utilities?	Yes
Are housing costs deducted from paycheck?	Yes
Is a housing deposit required?	No
Amount of housing deposit:	\$0.00
Instructions for payment of housing deposit:	
Housing deposit due date:	
Is deposit refundable?	No
Conditions of deposit refund:	
How will deposit be refunded?	
Are students required to live in provided housing upon arrival?	No
During their work stay, can students find alternate housing?	Yes
If yes, is there a penalty?	No

Transportation to/from Worksite	
Method of transportation to worksite:	Housing is located on site and is within walking distance. Students can walk or bike safely to work.
Distance to worksite:	1 mile - 10-15 minute walk
Is worksite within walking distance of housing?	Yes
Cost of public transportation to worksite:	Not specified
Details of public transportation to worksite:	none
Cost of transportation to worksite provided by employer:	Not specified
Details of transportation to worksite arranged by employer:	Housing is within walking distance.
Cost of arranging own transportation to worksite:	\$125.00
Details of arranging own transportation to worksite:	Many students purchase a bike, helmet and lock. This will cost around \$125.

Housing Amenities	
Available public transportation:	None Specified
Access to public transportation?	None
On Site Housing Amenities	
Laundry:	Yes
Linens:	No
Private bath:	No
Refrigerator:	Yes
Microwave:	Yes
Air conditioning:	Yes
TV:	Yes
Telephone:	Yes
Security guard:	Yes
Computer/Internet Access:	Yes
Utensils:	No
Gym:	No
Individual Beds:	Yes
Nearby Amenities	
Supermarket:	In town/accessible
Restaurants:	Requires Transportation
Shopping mall:	Requires Transportation
Fitness center:	Requires Transportation
Post office:	In town/accessible
Laundry:	Walking Distance
Bank:	In town/accessible
Internet cafe:	Walking Distance
Movie theater:	Requires Transportation
Library:	Requires Transportation
Additional amenities:	Each floor of the dormitories have a common restroom and shower facilities. A kitchen and TV lounges are available on each floor and internet is available at our housing facility. Coin operated laundry facilities are in each building. Each room has own heating and air conditioning units. An associate cafeteria is available for meals at a reduced price; the cafeteria is located at the park which is approximately 1 mile from the dormitories.

Meal Information	
Are meals included in rent cost?	No
If not, meal plan cost per day:	Not Specified
Meals covered:	Not Specified
Is the purchase of a meal plan mandatory?	No

Cultural Opportunities	
Types of cultural opportunities provided	
Organized Holiday Event(s):	No
Organized Trip(s) to Major Attraction(s):	Yes
Organized Potluck(s) or Dinner(s):	Yes
Organized Trip(s) to Major City:	Yes

Cultural Opportunities			
Organized Karaoke Night(s):	Yes	Information about Events:	Yes
Organized Movie Night(s):	Yes	Information about Local Resources:	Yes
Organized Sporting Event(s):	Yes	Information about Attractions/Sites:	Yes
Organized Staff Exchange Event(s) - Other:	Yes	Information about Local Community:	Yes
Organized Trip(s) to Nearby Attraction(s):	Yes	Other:	No
If Other, please describe:	N/A		
Additional details about cultural offerings:	Valleyfair has a shuttle bus available to employees. The shuttle bus will provide transportation to shopping centers, grocery stores, area attractions, etc. The shuttle bus runs six days a week. Students can sign up for trips on sign up sheets in the employee housing.		