

Interested in Applying for a job at the Kingsgate 1 & 2 Pool?

The Application Process:

Each year, a staff of 12 to 14 lifeguards and swim instructors are hired to work for the summer season at the Kingsgate 1 & 2 Pool facility. In January and February, returning employees are given the opportunity to reapply to work at the pool and based upon the number of those who will be returning, the manager will make a decision as to how many new positions are available.

New applications for working as a lifeguard /swim instructor are available on this website. If you or someone you know is interested in applying to work at the pool for the 2012 season, please download an application off the website and return it to the HOA address: P. O. Box 512, Kirkland, WA 98083, by March 15th, 2012. Interviews for open positions will be held from mid-March to early-April 2012, with final staffing decisions made by no later than April 30th. Any questions related to the application process may be forwarded to the pool manager: kg1poolmanager @ gmail.com

Requirements for Lifeguarding:

Age 15 or older

Current Red Cross Life Guard/First Aid Certifications

Current CPR and AED Certifications

Applicants who have customer service skills, enthusiasm, initiative, and maturity

Requirements for Swim Instruction:

Age 15 or older

Current Red Cross Lifeguard Certification

Completed Water Safety Instructor (WSI) course preferred, but not required

Experience and enthusiasm for working with young children

The Process of Becoming a Certified Lifeguard

The American Red Cross offers a lifeguard certification course that is a basic requirement for working as a lifeguard at a recreational water facility.

The course is offered to those who are 15 or older, and is approximately 30-37 hours in length. Through videos, group discussion, and hands-on practice, students learn patron rescue and surveillance skills, first aid, CPR, and AED. Courses are available with a focus on a variety of environments, including pools, waterfronts, water parks, and shallow water attractions.

Prerequisites: Age 15 by last day of the class, and pass the following swimming requirements:

1. Students must be able to swim 300 yards continually (100 freestyle, 100 breaststroke, and 100 of either stroke).
2. Students must be able to swim 20 yards (head out of the water) and dive down to retrieve a 10 pound brick and swim it back to the wall (another 20 yards).

Course Certifications Earned: 2 year CPR/AED certification and 3 year Lifeguarding certification.

If you are looking for a facility to receive life guard training, the best place to start would be at the www.seattlredcross.org website, which will provide a list of classes available in our area. A typical course will cost approximately \$180 to \$225 plus materials. Another option is to call around at the local year round/indoor facilities to see when they are offering their courses. Some recommended pools for this area would be Juanita High School, the Bellevue Aquatic Center, or the Samena Club—all of these facilities offer ongoing lifeguard training courses. During the summer months, both Kingsgate 1 & 2 and Kingsgate 3 & 4 Pools offer life guard certification and recertification courses.