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# Valleyfair a Cedar Fair Park - Lifeguard

# **HOST INFORMATION**

### Company Description:

Spend your summer working and playing in Minnesota at Valleyfair, the Upper Midwest's largest amusement park! Valleyfair is located in Shakopee, Minnesota which is approximately 30 minutes from the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Valleyfair features over 75 rides and attractions including Soak City Waterpark and Planet Snoopy.

#### As a Valleyfair employee, you will enjoy:

- Great hourly wages
- Free entry to the park and waterpark
- Weekly events and activities
- Meals with management
- Social activities with co-workers
- Associate recognition programs
- Affordable housing
- Free transportation to local shops, grocery stores, and area attractions including Mall of America and the Minnesota Zoo

Spend your days off visiting one of Minnesota's lake (Minnesota is the land of 10,000 lakes), There are over 22 lakes in the Twin Cities metro area that you can spend the day biking, kayaking, canoeing or swimming.

Host Website: http://www.valleyfair.com

Site of Activity: Valleyfair a Cedar Fair Park

Parent Account Name: Cedar Fair Entertainment Company

Host Address: 1 Valleyfair Drive Shakopee , Minnesota , 55379

Nearest Major City: Minneapolis , Minnesota , Less than 25 miles away

# **PLACEMENT INFORMATION**

## Job Description:

A lifeguard is responsible for guarding a body of water, scanning the water, enforcing waterpark rules, participating in weekly in service training programs. Lifeguards are responsible for all safety aspects of the waterpark. As a lifeguard you will be required to attend and successfully pass a lifeguard training class and pass all practical and written tests. All new associates to the waterpark will be hired in as an attendant until they pass the lifeguard training program. Upon completion of the training and successfully passing all certifications the associate will be transferred to a lifeguard position.

### Typical Schedule:

Hours will vary depending on, park attendance and weather but associate can expect to work between 35-50 hours per week. Hours consist of morning, afternoon, evening hours and will include weekends.

### Seasonal changes to job duties or available hours: Yes

The park is open from Mid-May through Labor Day and then weekends only from Labor Day through October. After Labor Day, students will only have weekend hours.

### Drug Test required: Yes

# **COMPENSATION**

Hourly Wage: \$17
Eligible for Tips: No
Estimated weekly wages including tips: \$800
Bonus: No
* All figures above are pre-tax
Estimated average number of hours per week: 48
Estimated minimum number of hours per week: 35
Estimated maximum number of hours per week: 60
Potential fluctuation in hours per week:
Wage of \$14.75 during training

Average number of hours per week reached by last year's seasonal employees: 50

# **JOB REQUIREMENTS**

English Level required:



Upper-Intermediate

Required to be 21+: No

Previous Experience required: No

*Qualifications & Conditions Swimming* 

#### Description:

Individuals will be required to pass a lifeguard certification program which will include swimming, CPR, water rescues and a written exam.

*Standing for entire shift Handling cleaning chemicals Working outdoors Working under direct sunlight* 

#### Job Training required: Yes

*Length of job training: 30 hours* 

Hours per week during training period: 30

Different wage during training period: Yes

### Training wage description:

Associates will receive a waterpark attendant wage (\$14.75 per hour) until they successfully complete the lifeguard training program.

Start on specific day of the week: No

Training requirements: Individuals will attend a Jeff Ellis and associates lifeguard training program

#### Need to wear uniform: Yes

*Uniform Policy: Uniforms consist of two shirts, shorts and swimsuits.* 

Cost of uniform: \$0

Uniform laundry: Participant responsibility

Dress Code: Yes

Description:

Associates are expected to wear their uniform to work every day and be in compliance with our grooming standards.

# **CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### Types of Cultural Opportunities:

*Company Parties, Karaoke Nights or Talent Shows, Movie or Game Nights, Potlucks or Dinners, Shopping Trips, Sporting Events, Trips to Major City, Trips to Nearby/Major Attractions, Will provide information about Events, Local Resources, Attractions/Sites, Local Community* 

Additional Details about Cultural Offerings:

*Valleyfair has weekly social events which students are able to interact with their American co-workers. Students are able to visit and explore area attractions such as the Mall of America, Minnesota Zoo, Canterbury Park, Minnehaha Falls, Sculpture Gardens, and the Twin Cities Metropolitan area.* 

### Local Cultural Offering:

Several local businesses and attractions will offer Valleyfair associates a discount to their business just by showing your Valleyfair ID card. There are several free fairs and festivals located throughout the Twin Cities each summer that students are encouraged to attend.

# HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Housing Provided: Yes. Employer Guarantees employer - owned or employer - arranged housing to all hired participants. Required to stay.

#### Employer-owned or employer-arranged housing description:

Associates will be assigned a room once they arrive to the dorms. If associates would like to room with other individuals they will need to communicate this through email correspondence with the housing department. Please note that not all roommate request will be honored, but we will do our best. Each room will house four people and contain bunk-style beds, four locker style closets, a dresser and a small refrigerator. Rooms have their own heating and air conditioning. Each floor has common restrooms and shower facilities. Kitchens and television lounges are on each floor. Each building has laundry facilities for the students to use. Rent will be paid through check deduction and will total approximately \$50.00 per week.

#### Lease Agreement: Yes

#### **Onsite Amenities:**

WiFi: Yes
Description:
There is limited WIFI access available to each of the dorms.
Phone Service: Yes
Description:
Landline phones are available in each room. There is also a landline phone at the main desk of the north dorms.
Kitchen facilities: Yes
Description:
Kitchen facilities are available on each floor of the dorms. The kitchens include stoves, ovens, microwaves, and sinks.
Laundry facilities: Yes
Description:
Each dorm has a laundry facility that includes washers and dryers.

#### Occupancy Requirements for Provided Housing:

Minimum Occupancy Per Room: 1

Maximum Occupancy Per Room: 4

Suggested Occupancy Per Room: 1 - 4

Rooming Arrangement Description:

Valleyfair will assign four individuals of the same gender in a room. Associates can request to room with certain individuals but this request will need to be approved by the housing staff. Rooms are not co-ed rooms and there are visitation hours as well as quiet hours that residents will need to abide by. *Required to Pay for Provided Housing: Yes Cost per Week: \$50* 

Housing Cost Deducted from Paychecks: Yes

Utilities Costs: No

*Housing Deposit: Yes Cost: \$50 Description: The housing deposit will be deducted from the associates first paycheck.* 

Housing Deposit Refundable: Yes

*Conditions for Deposit Refund: The housing deposit will be refunded if the associate fulfills the terms of their employment with Valleyfair and leave their room in good repair.* 

*Details About Deposit Refund: The housing deposit will be refunded on paycheck after associate the associate has checked out of the dorms.* 

#### Transportation to Worksite:

*Walking Commute Time Estimated commute time: 15 to 30 minutes* 

Description: Students can walk from the dorms to the administrative offices which is approximately a 15 to 20 minute walk.

*Employer-Provided Transportation Estimated commute time: Under 15 minutes* 

*Employer-Provided Transportation is free of charge Description: Valleyfair has provided transportation in the morning to and from the dorms in the past. The morning shuttles run from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.* 

# **ARRIVAL INFORMATION**

#### Arrival Instructions:

We recommend flying into the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport. The Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport is located approximately 20 minutes from Valleyfair. Upon arrival at the airport, you will need to arrange your own transportation to Valleyfair. We suggest taking a taxi or Uber to Valleyfair. The address is 5605 East Highway 101, Shakopee, MN 55379.

Directions to the Valleyfair dorms from the Airport: Take Interstate 494 West to Highway 169 South, Exit onto County Road 101 (Shakopee Exit). The park will be approximately three miles from Highway 169 exit. At the main gates of the park, turn into the main entrance and take an immediate right onto the frontage road and the dorms will be located on the left hand side.

When arriving to Valleyfair, you will want to check at the North Dorm which is located at 5605 East Highway 101, Shakopee, MN 55379. The dorms are located on park property and are within walking distant to the administrative offices.

Students are asked to send their travel arrangement to vfhr@valleyfair.com once they have confirmed their travel plans so that we know when to expect you.

#### Suggested Arrival Airport:

Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport, MSP, Less than 25 miles

#### Estimated cost of transportation to worksite from suggested airports: \$50 to \$75

#### If arriving after regular hours:

#### Suggested After-Hours Accommodation:

*Valleyfair Dorms 5605 East Highway 101 Shakopee , Minnesota 55379 9524965400 \$0 to \$25* 

# **TRAINING AND ONBOARDING**

#### Pre-Arrival Onboarding:

#### Social Security Number:

Require participants to apply for SSN before arrival at worksite: No

Details about how to apply for Social Security Number:

*Valleyfair will schedule the students a date and time to go and apply for their social security number. Valleyfair will provide transportation to and from the Social Security Office.* 

Nearest SSA Office: Minneapolis , Minnesota , Less than 25 miles

#### Other:

Wage Payment Schedule:

Associates will be paid every two weeks. Valleyfair offers direct deposit or a paycard available for associates who do not have a bank account set up.

Meal Plan: Not available

Provide Certificates/Performance Evaluations: Yes

Hire in Groups:

#### Grooming Requirements:

*Valleyfair does have grooming requirements, we allow tattoos as long as they do not display slogan or images that are demeaning. Associates will receive a complete list of grooming standards upon hire.* 

Second Job Availability: Yes, likely

### Applicable Company Policies:

*Valleyfair has several company, department and location policies that associates must abide by. Associates will receive a complete list of rules and guidelines to follow at the time of orientation. Here are a few of the most common policies associates must follow:* 

- Associate are expected to by on time for their scheduled shifts.
- Cell phones are not allowed to be used while working.
- There are housing rules that associates will need to follow.
- There are several department and location specific policies in which students need to abide by.

# **COMMUNITY AMENITIES**

### In Town, Requires Transportation:

Food Market, Shopping Mall, Post Office, Bank, Restaurants, Fitness Center, Internet Cafe, Public Library