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Hot Summer Sun and Increased Pool Usage Prompt Call for More Lifeguard Applicants at HPARD Pools

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department has immediate jobs openings for lifeguard applicants for the summer swim season. HPARD is hoping to add between 40 to 60 more lifeguards to their staff in response to a 27% increase in pool usage by city residents.

"We're pleased to say we've had a record turnout by citizens visiting our pools this year," said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "In response to the increase in visitors, we've decided to add additional staffing to be able to serve more guests and maintain our safety standards ratio."

Each pool operates on the American Red Cross Standard of 1 lifeguard to 25 swimmers ratio to ensure the safety of the citizens using the pool. Interested applicants are encouraged to call (713) 670-5501 for information and applications.

The pay for summer lifeguard positions starts at \$9.50 per hour, with head lifeguards receiving \$10.00 and Water Safety Instructors receiving \$15.00 per hour. Job assignment locations will depend on the staffing needs of HPARD's aquatics division. Lifeguard positions are available right now, and a free certification class will take place Tuesday, June 30.

For more information on pools or on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, please call (713) 865-4537 or go to www.houstonparks.org.