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RIVERFRONT PARK TO HOST JOB FAIR

200+ spring and summer positions at Riverfront Park, Merkel Sports Complex, Park Operations and the City's Aquatic Centers are available

The 19th Annual City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Department Job Fair is scheduled to take place Sunday, February 13, 2011 in the Riverfront Park IMAX Theater in the main pavilion area from Noon – 4:00 pm.

Hosted by Riverfront Park, the Job Fair provides information on 200+ spring and summer positions at Riverfront Park, Merkel Sports Complex, Park Operations and the City's Aquatic Centers.

Positions at Riverfront Park include; Attraction Attendants for the Carrousel, SkyRide, Tour Train, and Pavilion Rides, Concession and Ticket Cashiers, Food Service Cooks, Storeroom Attendants, IMAX Theater Projectionist, Facilities and Grounds Maintenance, Security Officers, Electro-Mechanical Technicians, Guest Service Representatives, Manito Park Bench Café Staff and leads in all areas.

Riverfront Park staff will be on hand to answer employment questions and distribute applications for these seasonal positions. All applicants must be age 16 or older by March 6th. Some positions require applicants to be 18 or older to apply. Seniors, teachers, students and those interested in working part-time flexible schedules are encouraged to apply.

Riverfront park seasonal positions begin mid-March. During the spring months, most employees work 10-15 hours per week and during the summer months 30-40 hours per week. Wages start at \$8.75 per hour.

The Merkel Sports Complex & Aquatic Centers will also be looking to fill positions and will have representatives on hand with information and applications.

Positions available include; Lifeguards, Swim Instructors, Cashiers, Food Service/Concessions, and Facilities Maintenance. Lifeguard applicants need only be 15 years old at time of application and be prepared to attend a training class during the spring.

Those planning to attend the Job Fair are encouraged to go on-line at www.spokaneriverfrontpark.com or www.spokaneparks.org and bring a completed application with them to the job fair. Those unable to attend the job fair are encouraged to return a completed application to Guest Services in the Riverfront Park pavilion lobby, 9AM-4PM 7 days a week. All hiring will be done from the applications on file; resumes should only be submitted with a completed application.

Applications will also be available at the Job Fair for those without computer access.

Additionally, 50 or more Park Operations seasonal staff will be hired in the coming months. Applications are now available. Please call 509.363.5455 for more information or come in person to the Park Operations office at 2304 East Mallon. Open 7:00 am – 4:00 pm (Closed over the lunch hour).

About Parks and Recreation

City of Spokane Parks and Recreation is responsible for the professional management and prudent caretaking of more than 4,100 acres of developed parks and conservation land. The Golf Division maintains and operates four championship municipal golf courses, including Indian Canyon, Downriver, Esmeralda and the Creek at Qualchan. Park Operations has responsibility for the maintenance of all park land and park facilities in the City of Spokane including Riverfront Park, Manito Park, Gaiser Conservatory, the many city-wide gardens, and Finch Arboretum. Urban Forestry staff manages 50,000 street trees and another 28,000 trees on developed park land within the City of Spokane. The Recreation/Entertainment Division offers classes, special events, athletic leagues and activities for youth, teens, adults, seniors and persons with physical and mental disabilities. It also operates Riverfront Park attractions, activities and events, and provides support for community centers, senior centers, the Northeast Youth Center, Corbin Art Center and outdoor swimming pools. For more information please visit www.spokaneparks.org

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