

Town of Manchester
Department of Leisure, Family and Recreation
Recreation Division
41 Center Street
Manchester, CT 06040

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RE: Aquatic Staffing & Training for the 2026 Summer Season

Dear Summer Aquatics Personnel:

Below are mandatory training dates. Please make a note of the training(s) you are required to attend. This will be your only notification of the training dates. Please note that all prospective personnel are required to complete a pre-employment swim test along with all other pre-employment training. Staff training is mandatory and required for employment.

Pre-employment training dates (dates subject to change):

DATE	TIME	TYPE OF TRAINING	SITE	WHO ATTENDS
June 22	1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Suspicious Person	Leisure Labs at Mahoney	NEW Staff
June 22	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Staff Appreciation Night	Leisure Labs at Mahoney Center	All Staff
June 2,4	4:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Lifeguard Recertification Class Fee: \$50	MHS Pool	Staff need to be re-certified with certifications expiring in 2026. Both Days: Mandatory
June 3	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	New Guard Orientation	MHS Pool	First Year Guards ONLY
June 9	5:30 – 8:30 p.m.	New Guard Orientation	Community Y	First Year Guards ONLY
June 15	10:00 a.m–12:00 p.m.	Head Guard Training	Community Y	Head Guards ONLY
June 16	5:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Distribution of Uniforms/BBP/ Head Guards meet with Staff	Community Y	All Staff
June 24	10:00 a – 12:00 p.m.	WSI Workshop	Community Y	WSI's ONLY
June 22	10:00 a – 12:00 p.m.	Marcy MacDonald	Marcy MacDonald Pool	Macy MacDonald Staff
June 26	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Waddell Orientation	Waddell Pool	Waddell Staff
June 25	10:00 a – 12:00 p.m.	Salters Orientation	Salters Pool	Salters Staff
June 26	10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	Swanson Orientation	Swanson Pool	Swanson Staff
June 25	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Globe Hollow Orientation	Globe Hollow	Globe Hollow Staff

Please turn **OVER** for important information regarding the above trainings.

TRAINING DESCRIPTIONS & DETAILS

Staff Appreciation Night: A night for all part-time employees to come together and have fun at the Leisure Labs at Mahoney Center. We will have dodgeball tournaments, three on three basketball tournaments, food, and Kona Ice. All food, drinks and Kona Ice will be complimentary.

Lifeguard Recertification Class: This class will be a two-day class that all staff need to take. American Red Cross came out with an updated Lifeguard program that requires all lifeguards to re-certify. This class will take place at the Manchester High School Pool. **Come prepared with a bathing suit, towel, and whistles.** There will be NO OTHER recertification class offered. Please call or come by the Community Y or Center Springs to enroll in the class.

New Lifeguard Orientation: This training is mandatory for all first year and new hire lifeguards. The training will be facilitated by Aquatics Directors and Head Lifeguards. The training is designed to orient new hires to department rules and regulations, pool facilities, whistle commands and more. There will be two training courses, one water base and one land based. First year guards need to attend both. Bathing suits required for the session held at Manchester High School.

Head Lifeguard Meeting: This meeting is mandatory for all head lifeguards. The meeting will take place at the Community Y.

WSI Workshop: This meeting is mandatory for all Water Safety Instructors who will be teaching swim lessons this summer. The meeting will take place at The Community "Y". No bathing suits are needed.

Uniform Distribution/BBP/Head Guards meet with staff: This training is mandatory for ALL aquatics staff. It will be held at the Community Y Recreation Center. At this time, you will receive all necessary paperwork and uniforms and BBP Training will be conducted. It will be **required** for all returning staff to have read the handbook by going to manchesterct.gov – residential services – recreation – part time employee portal and at the bottom will be the handbook. Have the handbook paperwork signed when coming to this training.

Pool Orientation: This training is required for ALL aquatics staff. The training will consist of LGT testing, physical endurance, EAP review, and scenario sessions. **Come prepared with a bathing suit, towel and whistles.** It is at this time that each pool will receive their equipment along with getting their facility ready for the start of the season. Head guards will go over expectations for staff and a full cleaning of the facility will occur at this time. In-service training and water rescues will be conducted. **Please see dates for your pool's specific time.**

Suspicious Persons Training: This is the only class that will be offered to aquatic personnel by the Manchester Recreation Department. *Please make a note of the location! * Attendance is mandatory for all **NEW HIRES.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (860) 647-3139 or email me at icharette@manchesterct.gov