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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Lifeguard Applications Still Being Accepted for Summer Employment at the Olympic Pool**

**Kerrville, Texas (April 9, 2015)** – Need a summer job? Have you always wanted to be a lifeguard? Do you enjoy working outdoors and being around water? If so, this job is for you! The City of Kerrville is currently accepting applications for lifeguards to work at the Olympic Pool for the summer. Applicants must be at least 16 years old, be able to work regularly from late May through the end of July, and occasionally through mid-August to assist with aquatic related special events.

Not certified? That's okay as there is no need to have a current certification prior to applying. The [Ellis & Associates \(E&A\) Lifeguard Training](#) will be provided through the Parks and Recreation Department. The first training course will be held April 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>. The lifeguards pay for their own training class; however, as an added benefit, the City will reimburse this fee for those who complete employment through the summer. Once received, the lifeguard license is valid for one year. Training prerequisites include a 100 yard continuous swim, treading water without using arms for one minute, and a brick retrieval from 16 feet.

The Parks and Recreation Department will again participate in competitive lifeguarding for the fourth consecutive year. The “Guard Team” consists of two male lifeguards and two female lifeguards who are selected through voluntary try-outs. Each team competes in several unknown team and individual scenarios and simulations that encompass all of the basic life support skills taught in the lifeguard training program. The team will compete against other teams from all over Texas at various lifeguard competitions. The City of Kerrville Guard Team placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the 2013 State Lifeguard Championships. In addition to earning top honors at competitions, the City of Kerrville lifeguards continue to receive outstanding scores during the unannounced observational safety audits conducted by E&A twice each summer. The E&A Aquatics Risk Management Program has been utilized by the City of Kerrville since 2009 and includes the training system for all lifeguards and on-site staff at the Olympic Pool. E&A is internationally recognized as leaders in innovation for the aquatics industry. They conduct safety audits during the summer at the Olympic Pool to assist pool operations in evaluating their aquatic safety procedures and to ensure that the highest safety standards are being provided.

Employment applications are available at City Hall located at 701 Main Street or at [www.kerrvilletx.gov](http://www.kerrvilletx.gov). Apply now as positions are limited and training will be conducted soon. Starting rate is \$8.75 per hour.

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Photo taken during a lifeguard in-service training drill simulating a submersion event with CPR and basic life support skills



Photo taken during lifeguard training simulating care for a suspected spinal injury



Lifeguard staff photo from a previous summer season at the Olympic Pool

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