



Superintendent of Recreation

Freeport Park District

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Closing Date:

Salary: \$60,000-\$90,500

Description:

Join Our Team as the Superintendent of Recreation!

Are you a passionate recreation professional looking for an opportunity to make a lasting impact on a vibrant community? The **Freeport Park District** is seeking a dedicated **Superintendent of Recreation** to lead and enhance our diverse recreational programs, events, and facilities.

We serve the Freeport, Illinois community by providing high-quality recreational opportunities, parks, and facilities for residents of all ages. With a strong commitment to community engagement and active lifestyles, we offer a wide range of programs, from youth sports and aquatics to senior activities and special events. If you are a recreation professional with a passion to serve, we encourage you to apply!

Our Mission

The mission of the Freeport Park District is to promote the use of recreation in generating an exciting, dynamic quality of life by providing the highest quality facilities and programs to meet the ever-changing needs and interests of all ages and abilities. The Park District will preserve and protect land and resources for the enrichment of the community and future generations.

Why Join Our Team?

- **Make a Difference:** Your work directly supports programs that enrich lives and strengthen our community.
- **Grow Your Career:** We offer professional development opportunities and a chance to lead in a dynamic environment.
- **Competitive Benefits:** Enjoy a competitive salary, health benefits, retirement plans, and generous paid time off.

About the Role

The Superintendent of Recreation is a key leadership role responsible for the planning, development, and management of recreational services, ensuring high-quality programs that meet the needs of the community. This position oversees staff, manages budgets, recreational facilities, and collaborates with community partners to enhance recreational opportunities.

Key Responsibilities:

- Develop, implement, and evaluate a variety of recreational programs, events, and services.
- Oversee operations and maintenance of recreation facilities, ensuring safe and enjoyable experiences for the public.
- Recruit, train, and supervise recreation staff, program coordinators, and seasonal employees.
- Develop and manage program budgets, track expenses, and seek funding opportunities such as grants and sponsorships.
- Collaborate with schools, businesses, and community organizations to expand programming.
- Work with a team to promote recreational activities through marketing efforts, social media, and public outreach.
- Ensure compliance with safety standards, regulations, and district policies.

What We're Looking For:

- Bachelor's degree in Recreation, Parks & Leisure Services, Public Administration, or a related field.
- 3-5 years of progressive experience in recreation management.
- Strong leadership, communication, and organizational skills.
- Experience managing staff, budgets, and recreational facilities.
- Certified Pool Operator (CPO) or Aquatic Facility Operator (AFO) within six months of hire.
- CPRP (Certified Park and Recreation Professional) certification preferred.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and recreation management software.
- Ability to work flexible hours, including evenings, weekends, and holidays as needed.