

Dear Lifeguarding Course Participant:

Thank you for enrolling in the American Red Cross Lifeguarding course. The time and place of the meetings are attached.

The purpose of the American Red Cross Lifeguarding course is to provide entry- level lifeguard participants with the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize and respond to aquatic emergencies and to provide care for breathing and cardiac emergencies, injuries and sudden illnesses until emergency medical services personnel take over.

To enroll in the Lifeguarding course, you must be at least 15 years old before the last scheduled class session. To participate in the course, you must be able to pass a prerequisite skills evaluation by doing the following:

Swim 300 yards continuously demonstrating breath control and rhythmic breathing. You may swim using the front crawl, breaststroke or a combination of both but swimming on the back or side is not allowed. Swim goggles may be used.

Tread water for 2 minutes using only the legs. You should place your hands under your armpits.

Complete a timed event within 1 minute, 40 seconds. Starting in the water, swim 20 yards. Your face may be in or out of the water. Swim goggles are not allowed. Surface dive, feet- first or head- first, to a depth of 7 to 10 feet to retrieve a 10-pound object. Return to the surface and swim 20 yards on your back to return to the starting point with both hands holding the object while keeping your face at or near the surface so you are able to get a breath. You should not swim the distance under water. Exit the water without using a ladder or steps.

The prerequisite skills evaluation will occur on the first day of the course. Please bring a swimsuit and towel for the skills evaluation and for every class. **Long Hair must be tightly pulled back, all piercings and jewelry must be removed during water sessions.**

To successfully complete the course, **you must attend the entire course**, participate in all skill sessions/ drills, activities and scenarios, demonstrate competency in all required skills and scenarios, and pass the final written exams with a minimum grade of 80 percent.

The practice sessions will require some strenuous physical activity. You are encouraged to check with your health care professional before participating in the practice sessions. If you have a medical condition or disability that might prevent you from participating in the activities, or have questions about being able to fully participate in the Lifeguarding course, please contact me to discuss this before the course begins.

Upon successful completion of the course, you will receive an American Red Cross certificate for Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED, valid for 2 years.

If you have questions, please contact me directly at (573)248-4033.

Sincerely,

Doug Meyers

American Red Cross Instructor

LIFEGUARD TRAINING COURSE SCHEDULE

March 31 - April 8 (Deadline March 25th)

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | MATERIAL |
|------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 3/31 | 2:00 - 4:00 pm | Hannibal YMCA | Pre Course Swim Evaluation |
| 4/1 | 5:30 - 9:00 pm | Palmyra Sesquicentennial Building | Lesson 1: The Professional Lifeguard And Facility Safety Lesson 2: Facility Safety, Patron Surveillance And Injury Prevention. Lesson 3: Injury Prevention. Lesson 4: Rescue Skills. |
| 4/3 | 5:00 - 9:00 pm | Palmyra Sesquicentennial Building | Lesson 5: Before Providing Care, Victim Assessment and Breathing Emergencies. Lesson 6: Cardiac Emergencies and Using An Automated External Defibrillator. Lesson 7: First Aid |
| 4/4 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm | Hannibal YMCA | Rescue Skills Part 1-2 |
| 4/5 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm | Hannibal YMCA | Rescue Skills Part 1-2 Continued |
| 4/7 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Palmyra Sesquicentennial Building | Lesson 8: Head, Neck And Spinal Injuries In The Water Lesson 9: Final Written Exam |
| 4/7 | 2:00 - 4:00 pm | Hannibal YMCA | Spinal Injury In Water Review For Water Final |
| 4/8 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm | Hannibal YMCA | Water Final |

Lifeguard Class Registration Form

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| Name: |
| Phone # |
| Address: |
| City/State/Zip |
| Birthdate: |
| School: |
| Email: |

Classes have a maximum capacity of 15, and are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Your registration is NOT confirmed until we receive registration and payment in full. Checks shall be made to Doug Meyers ARC. Cost of the course is \$180.

Course Completion Requirements:

****100% attendance & participation in all classroom and pool sessions is mandatory and non-negotiable. Tardiness is unacceptable. Positive & Professional Attitude.**

****Demonstrate competency in all required skills.**

****Demonstrate competency in the three final skill scenarios (water examination).**

****Correctly answer at least 80% of the questions in the two sections of the final written examination.**

I have read and understand the above course information:

Lifeguard Trainee: _____ Date: _____

Questions/Concerns Please Contact ARC Instructor Doug Meyers
(573)248-4033 or dmeyers@palmyraparks.com

Registrations can be mailed to: Palmyra Parks & Recreation Attn.: Doug Meyers, PO Box 32, Palmyra, MO. 63461. Or email dmeyers@palmyraparks.com.

Checks shall be made to Doug Meyers ARC.

