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## **Lifeguard Candidates Wanted for Pasco County Aquatics Program**

*~ Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Class will be offered in May ~*

**PASCO COUNTY, FL-** The Pasco County Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department will be offering a Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Class in May. To qualify for the class, participants must pass a pre-test. The pre-test will be held at 5:00 p.m., on Friday, April 29, 2016, at the Veterans Memorial Park, 14333 Hicks Road, Hudson, Florida and consists of a 550-yard swim, a two-minute tread, using legs only, an underwater ring retrieval test, and a brick retrieval test that is timed.

The cost of the class is \$100.00. There is an additional \$35.00 certification fee required upon successful completion. Most of the class will be held at Veterans Memorial Park, however on May 7, 2016, a portion of the class will be held at Anclote River Park, 1119 Baillies Bluff Road Holiday, Florida.

“Every year the class gets bigger. We’re going to have more instructors than we’ve ever had before,” says Sarah Straub, Aquatic Technician. “All together our staff instructors have over 60 years of experience as lifeguards. We recruit a lot of our summer lifeguard staff from candidates who have completed the class. There are 22 lifeguard positions to fill between our three different locations.”

Candidates will receive three certifications upon successful completion of the class including Lifeguarding, First Aid/CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer, and Waterfront Lifeguarding.

“The class is completely classroom-based. Candidates don’t have to go home and complete a bunch of online course work. We teach them everything they need to know in the classroom, on the pool deck or at the beach.” says Sarah Straub, Aquatic Technician.

It all begins with a pretest at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016.

Class times are as follows:

- Friday, April 29, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 30, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 1, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 6, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 7, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 8, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in the class can call Veterans Memorial Park at (727) 861-3033. Those who are interested in applying for a lifeguard position with Pasco County can apply online at [www.pascocountyfl.net](http://www.pascocountyfl.net).

The Pasco County Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department enhances the quality of life for all residents by providing parks and recreation facilities; managing, preserving, and protecting Pasco County's environmental lands; offering educational activities; conducting community outreach; and developing programs and opportunities for everyone to enjoy. The administrative office is located at 4111 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Suite 202, Land O' Lakes, Florida 34639, and can be reached by phone at (813) 929-2760. To learn more about Pasco County's beautiful parks, environmental lands, and recreation opportunities or to reserve park facilities, visit the official web page at [www.pascocountyfl.net/parks](http://www.pascocountyfl.net/parks).

