

**Title:** Playground Instructor

**PG:** 06

**Status:** Non-Civil Service

**Position Reports to:** Playground Coordinator/Recreation Supervisor III

**Department:** Parks & Recreation

**Class Code:** 8052

**Date:** 09/08

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CLASS:**

This is supervisory work preparing, and organizing recreational activities. Work includes supervision over proper operation and maintenance of the buildings, grounds and facilities in the assigned areas. General instruction is received from superiors regarding programs, but employee is required to exercise judgment in accordance with available facilities and age groups attending. Work is reviewed through field visits, staff conferences and the analysis of activity reports.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

1. Organizes, instructs and supervises a wide variety of activities, including team and individual games, free play, athletic contests, sporting events; and tournaments.
2. Enforces campsite and program rules and regulations, maintains discipline, safeguards against accidents and instructs children in safe use of equipment.
3. Provides for issuance and check-in of supplies and equipment; reports hazardous conditions, reports accidents and administers first aid when needed.
4. Participates in staff meetings; assists in planning special events and provides information about programs to the general public.
5. Assists in cleaning and maintaining the campsite.

**ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Performs related work as required.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:**

1. Knowledge of the modern methods and techniques of playground and community center planning and a variety of recreational activities suitable for children and adults.
2. Knowledge of the philosophy and objectives of public recreation, child psychology, sociology and personal health and hygiene.
3. Knowledge of first aid methods and necessary safety precautions used in recreation work.
4. Knowledge of rules and regulations governing various competitive athletic games, such as softball, basketball and volleyball.
5. Ability to adhere to program standards and objectives, supervise subordinates, maintain control and solve disciplinary problems.
6. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, other city employees and the general public.

**WORKING ENVIRONMENT/CONDITIONS:**

Requires work that involves running, walking or standing most of the time, exerting up to 10 pounds of force on a recurring basis.

The job risks exposure to extreme heat, blood borne pathogens, human waste, bright/dim light. The job requires normal visual acuity, field vision, hearing, speaking, color perception, sense of smell, depth perception, and texture perception.

**QUALIFICATIONS (EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE):**

1. High School Diploma or its equivalent.

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**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Must possess a valid State of Florida Driver's License.
2. Must maintain a valid home telephone number.
3. May be required to work overtime, or alternate hours, as necessary for the efficient operation of the department. Position may be designated as Mission Critical by Department Director.