

Fact Sheet: Certs for Service Spring 2018

What is Certs for Service?

Certs for Service is a program that allows qualified candidates the opportunity to earn a lifeguard certification in exchange for only 6 Saturdays of volunteer service at a NORD Outdoors program.

Why would I be interested?

- Obtain a lifeguard certification, normally up to \$325, at no cost
- Exposure to job opportunities
- Resume-worthy civic duties and certifications
- Free NORD Outdoors t-shirt
- Invitation to NORD's annual Volunteer Appreciation Event
- \$500 tax deduction if you volunteer more than 30 hours in a calendar year
- Inclusion on one of the most fun volunteer teams in New Orleans!

What are the lifeguard course entry requirements?

- Age 16 or older
- Ability to swim 300 yards continuously
- Ability to tread water for 2 minutes with no hands
- Ability to perform a timed task of swimming 15 yards, retrieving a 10lb brick from the bottom of the deep end, swimming back to the shallow end, and climbing out of the pool with the brick.

Are there any other requirements?

You must be able to help facilitate and/or lifeguard canoeing and fishing on Saturdays from Mar. 17 to May 26, 2018 at Joe W. Brown Park. Shifts are 4 hours, and you will need to be able to show up for 6 Saturdays. These events usually include children and adults, so you must be ready to bring a positive attitude for everyone and an eye for safety.

What if I don't know how to canoe? Or fish? Or Both?

You will go through facilitation training and learn all you need to know about canoeing, fishing, and safely teaching other people how to do so in a relaxed environment. We do not expect you to be an expert – just willing to learn and teach.

Will this lead to a paid lifeguarding job?

Certs for Service is designed to allow qualified people to test for a lifeguard certification at no cost in exchange for 24 volunteer hours with the NORD Outdoors program. However, NORD boasts a number of pools staffed by lifeguards. Earning your lifeguard certification and being a NORD volunteer can easily turn into an employment opportunity, and has for many of our past volunteers.

How do I apply?

Call the NORD Outdoor Programs Manager at 504-658-3082 or email NORDCOutdoors@nola.gov for an application.

What happens after I apply?

Your application will be reviewed and you may be contacted by the NORD Outdoor Programs Manager for a telephone interview. There are limited spaces available for this program, so make sure to submit your application before the -

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