

Suffield Parks & Recreation Department

Applications are being accepted for seasonal employment opportunities for the summer of 2026. Positions, hours and schedules vary between June and August. Limited positions are available.

Salary ranges are dependent upon position and experience.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- WATERFRONTSTAFF—Aquatics
 Waterfront Director
 Lifeguards/WSI (fortwo outdoor waterfronts)
- GATEATTENDANTS/EVENT STAFF
- LEADERSHIP STAFF
- CAMPCOUNSELORS
- JUNIOR COUNSELORS (Ages 14-16)
- Please be sure to complete the Town application and this link:

https://forms.gle/k4uTAeujJAKpnFYb9

For more information contact:
The Suffield Parks and Recreation Department
145 Bridge Street
Suffield, CT 06078
(860) 668-3862

By Friday, March 13, 2026

Dear Prospective Candidate:

We are pleased that you are interested in the Suffield Parks & Recreation Department and Summer job opportunities for the Summer of 2026.

Candidates must complete and meet the following criteria listed below:

- 1. Complete employment application.
- 2. Have transportation to and from the program during program hours.
- 3. Commit to staff training, 2 days in June. (TBT the week before camp)
- 4. Commit to entire 6 weeks camp program for Camp Counselors, 7 weeks for Camp Directors.
- 5. Commit to 7-8 weeks for Lifeguards. (May be pre & post session hours available.)
- 6. Commit to 8-9 weeks including weekends for Babb's Gate Attendants.
- 7. Successfully complete certifications required for position. All positions require First Aid & CPR. Lifeguards require additional training: LGT & Waterfront Module. WSI is encouraged.
- 8. Participate in a formal interview.

Aquatics Director Job Description

I. Position: Aquatics Director

II. Purpose: To ensure the efficient operation of assigned area of responsibility, including, but not limited to, performing safety checks, responding to aquatic rescues, and managing daily labor

III. Duties and Responsibilities

Maintain a current American Red Cross Lifeguarding License

Adhere to all American Red Cross & Suffield Parks & Recreation aquatic standards.

Responsible for the direct supervision of the assigned area, including, but not limited to, general Lifeguard supervision, attraction operation compliance, and aquatic safety

Within the assigned area, respond to all facility and aquatic rescues and events that interrupt the environment or compromise the safety of any person

Document all tardiness, insubordination, or violations of lifeguards as mandated by Suffield Parks & Recreation policies.

Ensure that Lifeguards rotation is effective, fair, and meets all standards

Perform daily aquatic attraction and equipment safety checks

Complete all paperwork (daily inspections, shift reports, checklists, shift reports, incident reports) reports neatly and accurately

Coordinate daily clean-up procedures in the area, including, but not limited to, trash pick-up

Must ensure that all lifeguards adhere to the professional, knowledgeable, and skill standards set forth by the American Red Cross and Suffield Parks & Recreation

Assist Guests/Employees with questions and concerns

Must maintain cleanliness and organization for all work areas; must maintain all equipment in a "like new" condition, including **DAILY** checks of facility AED's

Responsible for enforcing all Town of Suffield and State of Connecticut Department of Labor Laws

Must ensure that all employees comply with all Suffield Parks & Recreation rules, regulations, policies and safety standards; report any violations

Must maintain professional, productive, and efficient working relationships with all Suffield Parks & Recreation employees

Perform other duties as assigned

LIFEGUARD

General Statement of Duties:

Under the direct supervision of the Waterfront Director and general supervision of Recreation and Sports Programmer and Parks and/or Recreation Director. Responsible for guarding swimmers and maintaining a safe swim environment. Assists with swim stroke review/lessons.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Responsible for safety of public while swimming, and on beach property.
- Provides first aid and water rescue.
- Practice water rescue and safety drills with proper rescue equipment.
- Maintain positive interaction and communication between guards, counselors, director, office staff and public.
- Conducts swim stroke review/ lessons.
- Guards at both waterfront locations.
- Performs regular and daily maintenance tasks but not limited to the following: Check depth of water at raft (should be 9 feet min.) and check depth at Babb's roped designated area, fill in holes, adjust swim lines, pick up trash, raking beach areas, cleaning/sweeping the guard hut, and all other related tasks. Maintain an overall clean and safe area. Assist with pre and post season cleanup.
- Enforces that staff only is allowed in the Guard Hut, on the Guard Chair or using equipment.

Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

• Must have current Lifeguard certification (WSI optional), Waterfront Certification, First Aid and CPR certifications. Organizational skills, teaching and guarding experience. Ability to work with children.

Physical and Mental Demands:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to sit and talk and listen. The employee is required to walk; use hands to finger, handle, or operate objects, tools or controls; and reach with hands and arms. The employee must occasionally lift and carry up to 20 pounds. Specific vision abilities required for this job include close vision and the ability to adjust focus. The employee must be able to read and interpret moderately complex documents and to write standard reports. This position requires the ability to apply common sense and understanding in dealing with problems involving several concrete variables in standardized situations.

Work Environment:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. The work is usually conducted in outdoor working conditions. The employee occasionally is exposed to wet and/or humid conditions. The noise level in the field is moderately loud.

General Guidelines:

The duties listed above are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.

SUNRISE DAY CAMP, CAMP COUNSELOR

General Statement of Duties:

Under the direct supervision of the Camp Director and general supervision of Recreation and Sports Programmer and/or Parks and Recreation Director. Responsible for planning and conducting organized recreational activities for campers.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Responsible for a specific group of children and supervise all activities within the group.
- Maintain positive interaction and communication between junior counselors, counselors, lifeguards, and director.
- Guide campers in participating successfully in all aspects of the program.
- Prepare activities and participate in program planning, special events, and staff meetings.
- Provide minor first aid to campers: fill out accident reports. Checks identification of parents at camper pickup.
- Follow Parks and Recreation Department policies and procedures.

Required knowledge, skill, and abilities:

Experience and ability working with children and peers. Be organized and professional. Required to have current American Red Cross or American Heart Association Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification <u>and</u> current First Aid Certification. Knowledge of organized games and free play activities, and simple arts and crafts.

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KID'S KORNER/MORNING MUNCHKINS LEADERSHIP STAFF

General Statement of Duties:

Under the direct supervision of the Director of Special Programs and the general supervision of the Parks and Recreation Director. Responsible for the planning, organization, direction, and implementation of programs of recreation at program site. Recognizes safety hazards. Maintain records and accident reports. Instructs related skills as necessary. Responsible for supervising camp staff. Accountable for the supervision of all campers. Provides Recreation Supervisor with input in evaluation or assessment of performance of camp staff.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Directs daily activities at camp.
- Plan, implement and evaluate specific activities related to age, interest and ability.
- Develop and maintain positive relations with staff, parents, and participants.
- Conduct staff meetings on a regular basis.
- Maintain inventory of supplies and equipment, within budget.
- Renders first aid in cases of minor injuries.
- Checks identification of parents at camper pickup.
- Maintain a safe, orderly program area; report any damage.
- Be responsible for the health, safety and well being of the participants.
- Interpret and carry out program policies and practices in accordance with the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Participate in program activities and be aware of staff functioning.
- Prepare lesson plans, program reports, camp correspondence and evaluations.
- Maintain and provide good public relations.
- Reports regularly to the Special Programs Coordinator.

Required knowledge, skill, and activities:

Ability to recognize recreation needs of specific age group and abilities. Knowledge of simple arts and crafts, music, and dramatic activities. Ability to resolve minor disciplinary problems amongst staff and campers. Ability to work with children. Able to create a program schedule to include knowledge of organized games and free play activities. Ability to supervise the work of subordinate personnel, ability to enforce regulations firmly, tactfully, and impartially. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees and the public. Ability to recognize potential emergencies and to take necessary or preventative action. Required to have current American Red Cross or American Heart Association Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification and First Aid Certification. Experience in education, recreation, or a related field preferred.

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KID'S KORNER/MORNING MUNCHKINS CAMP COUNSELOR

General Statement of Duties:

Under the direct supervision of the Camp Director and general supervision of Director of Special Programs and/or Parks and Recreation Director. Responsible for planning and conducting organized recreational activities for campers.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Responsible for a specific group of children and supervise all activities within the group.
- Maintain positive interaction and communication between junior counselors, counselors, and director.
- Guide campers in participating successfully in all aspects of the program.
- Prepare activities and participate in program planning, special events, and staff meetings.
- Provide minor first aid to campers, fill out accident reports.
- Checks identification of parents at camper pickup.
- Follow Parks and Recreation Department policies and procedures.

Required knowledge, skill, and abilities:

Experience and ability working with children and peers. Be organized and professional. Required to have current American Red Cross or American Heart Association Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification and First Aid Certification. Knowledge of organized games and free play activities, and simple arts and crafts.

Additional Duties and Responsibilities - Morning Munchkins Counselor

- Responsible for planning additional activities specifically for three-year-old campers.
- Responsible for implementing any necessary modifications to the director's plans or activities, to create a more appropriate activity for the three-year-old campers.

Physical and Mental Demands:

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GATE ATTENDANT & SPECIAL EVENT STAFF

General Summary:

The Gate Attendant and Special Event Staff is the first point of contact for patrons entering park or event. This position greets all patrons in a positive and professional manner. Collects data and information about park patrons. Sets up and breaks down all equipment required for special events. Enforces park rules, maintains order, safety and parking lot cleanliness. Explains and interprets operational and programmatic rules and regulations, refers enforcement matters to proper authorities and or supervisor. Serves the residents of Suffield in customer-oriented manner that helps promote a positive, professional image for the Town government.

Supervision Received:

Reports to the Director of Parks and Recreation and/or Recreation and Sports Programmer.

Supervision Given:

None.

Examples of Essential Functions:

- 1. Greet all patrons entering and exiting park in a positive and professional manner.
- 2. Provide information to customers about facility and events.
- 3. Maintain proper vehicle and customer counts in compliance with parking lot and beach maximums.
- 4. Keep accurate count of the patrons who utilize the facility.
- 5. Close gate when facility reaches maximum counts.
- 6. Maintain cleanliness of parking lot by picking up trash during down times.
- 7. Report any disturbances to Police Department and Supervisor.
- 8. Responsible for making periodic checks throughout park.
- 9. Responsible for proper use of equipment and facilities.
- 10. Assists in setup, cleanup and break down with all job related duties.
- 11. Make posters, signs and announcements for the general public to communicate rules and events as needed.
- 12. Set up and breakdown of special event equipment.
- 13. Prepare special event site.
- 14. Clean site and return equipment as needed.
- 15. Maintain positive working relationships with school officials, community groups, and the public regarding program offerings and coordination of services; promptly and cordially respond to citizen inquiries, feedback, and complaints about services and facilities.
- 16. Attend seminars and conferences to remain current on developments in relevant fields.

Other Job Functions:

Perform other related work as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications Education & Experience:

- 1. Must be at least 16 years of age.
- 2. Some previous employment experience; or equivalent combination of relevant training and experience.
- 3. Suitable experience may be substituted for education attainment if deemed appropriate by the First Selectman.

Knowledge, Skill, and Ability:

- 1. Excellent interpersonal and Customer Service Skills.
- 2. Ability to write legibly and communicate clearly.
- 3. Ability to solve problems and work independently.
- 4. Ability to listen and follow instructions.

- 5. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with the general public, co-workers, elected and appointed officials, and members of diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds regardless of race, religion, age, sex, disability, political affiliation or sexual orientation.
- 6. Ability to work around trees, foliage and be able to withstand dust.
- 7. Ability to attend to task/function for more than 60 minutes at a time.
- 8. Ability to perform the essential functions of the job with or without reasonable accommodation.

Special Requirements:

1. Valid, active Motor Vehicle Operator's license preferred.

Physical Demands:

The physical demands here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of the job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the essential functions of this job, the employee is frequently required to stand, walk, use hands and fingers, handle or operate objects, controls or standard office equipment, reach with hands and arms, climb or balance, stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl and taste or smell.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 45 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

Work Environment:

This job operates in a professional work environment and related fieldwork. While performing the duties of this job, the employee may occasionally work in outside weather conditions. The employee may occasionally work near moving mechanical parts; in precarious places; may occasionally be exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, extreme cold, extreme heat, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, risk of electrical shock, and vibration. The noise level in the work environment is usually quiet in the office and moderately noisy too noisy in the field. Including:

Position Type/Expected Hours of Work:

This position is at will.

This is a ten (10) hours to thirty (30) hours per week, part-time, non-benefits position.

Must be flexible to include evenings and weekends. The hours may be subject to change. This position occasionally requires long hours beyond those scheduled hours, including monthly evening commission meetings, evening work, and weekend work as job duties demand.

Travel

Travel is primarily local during the business day, although some out of the area travel and overnight may be expected for conferences and seminars.

Other Duties:

Please note this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of functions, activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Functions, duties, responsibilities and activities may change at any time with or without notice.

EEOC Statement:

It is the policy of the Town of Suffield to provide equal employment opportunity to all persons regardless of age, color, national origin, citizenship status, physical or mental disability, race, religion, creed, gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, genetic information, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local law. In addition, the Town of Suffield will provide reasonable accommodations that do not present an undue hardship for qualified individuals with disabilities.



Town of Suffield Application for Employment 83 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT 06078

The Town of Suffield will consider applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other legally protected status.

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY) The application must be completed to be considered. Please complete each section even if you have a resume

Date	Positio	on you are app	lying for			
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If under18 years old,	can you provide	e proof of eligit	oility to work?	· [□No □Yes	
Have you filed an application with the Town of Suffield before?						
Have you ever been employed by the Town of Suffield before?						
Are you related to anyone currently employed by the Town of Suffield? No Yes Date:						
Are you currently employed?						
May we contact your present employer? □No □Yes						
Are you prevented from lawfully being employed in this country due to Visa or Immigration Status? No Yes						
(Proof of citizenship or immigration status will be required of all new employees upon employment)						

On what date would you be available for work?						
Are you interested in working:				y Seasonal		
Are you on a lay-	off and subject to reca	all? □N	o 🗌 Yes			
Are you willing to	travel if a job requires	sit? 🔲 N	o Yes			
The Town of Suffield is an Equal Opportunity Employer						
EDUCATION & T	RAINING					
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Describe any job-related training received during military service:			
Additional Information			
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Computer / (Type)	Machinery & Equipment / (Type)		
Microsoft Office /	Backhoe /		
Spreadsheets /	Road Grader /		
Database /			
	EMT /		
Other	Power Tools /		
Typing	Other /		
Calculator	Other /		
Fax Machine	Other /		
Are you fluent or conversant in any languages otl	her than English? Yes No . If yes what		
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Please state any additional information you feel n	nay be helpful to us in considering your application:		
OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION/POSTING EXPLAINING	OWING QUESTION UNTIL YOU HAVE READ A COPY G THE ESSENTIAL DUTIES OF THE POSITION FOR		
WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING.			
Is there anything that would prevent you from per which you have applied? Yes No	forming the essential functions of the position for		

Employment History

Start with your present or last job and go back ten years. Include military service assignments and volunteer positions. Do not leave any positions out. Use extra sheets if necessary.

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A	pplicant's Statement	
in co ap no S in	certify that the answers given here are true, accurate and conthorize investigation of all statements contained in this application arriving at an employment decision. Prior to employment, ompleted. This application shall be considered active for a peroplicant wishing to be considered for employment beyond this time transplications are being accepted at that time. I also understate uffield, false or misleading information provided on my application terview or during employment, may result in discharge. I fur quired to abide by all rules and regulations of the Town of Suffield	on for employment as may be necessary a criminal background check will be iod of time not to exceed 60 days. Any ne period, should inquire as to whether or not that if I am employed by the Town of on or discovered during the course of an ther understand that if employed. I am
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SUFFIELD PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

PROGRAM:	DATE:
NAME:	BIRTHDATE:
ADDRESS:	HOME PHONE:
	ZIP:
Email Address:	
CELL PHONE #	WORK PHONE:
EMERGENCY CONTACT	PHONE:
LIST ANY MEDICAL PROBLEMS, ALLERGIE	ES, OR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE YOU MAY NEED (Please Be Specific):
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