

# Position Details

## Overview

**Position Title:** *Shallow Water Lifeguard -Sum25*

**Position Code:** *PC1520001*

**Host Company Name:** *Busch Gardens Williamsburg/Water Country USA*

**Host Company Description:**

*Busch Gardens Williamsburg (BGW) is an action-packed European-themed park with 17th century charm and 21st century technology boasting more than 300 acres of unparalleled fun and adventure. BGW is voted to be the world's "Most Beautiful" and "Favorite" theme park.*

*Busch Gardens Williamsburg is home to Water Country USA (WCUSA) the mid-Atlantic's largest family waterpark featuring the greatest state-of-the-art water ride and attractions spectacular entertainment shopping and restaurants - all set to a colorful 1950's and 60's surf theme.*

*For more detailed information about the International J1 Program at Busch Gardens Williamsburg/ Water Country USA visit:*

[www.bgwjobs.com/internationalprogram.html](http://www.bgwjobs.com/internationalprogram.html)

*Want to see what a summer was like, for other participants working at Busch Gardens Williamsburg? Check out this video:*

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1DK33TvlibQny3sOUGj1mY5tRXKN-Vqiw>

**City:** *Williamsburg*

**State:** *VA*

**Gender Preference:** *No Preference*

**English Level:** *Advanced*

**Minimum Age:** *18*

**Earliest Start Date:** *6/12/2025*

**Earliest End Date:** *9/20/2025*

**Latest Start Date:** *6/25/2025*

**Latest End Date:** *10/10/2025*

## Position Details

**Average Hours/Week:** *32*

**Typical Schedule:**

*Schedule will vary depending on events taking place in the park.*

*Most participants will have the opportunity to work 4-6 shifts during the week that are 8-16 hours long and will have 1-3 days off during the week to travel the area or work a second job if they choose. Extra hours may be available in other departments during the week.*

*Some weeks may have a 5-6 day work week during special events taking place at the park.*

*Working weekends (Saturday and Sunday) and holiday's is required.*

**Additional Hours Details:**

You will work an average of 32 hours per week over the course of your program. Some weeks may be more, some may be less. 30-50 hours per week is the average. Due to the nature of our outdoor business Busch Gardens does not guarantee work hours each week.

**Position Description:**

Water Country USA offers over 20 different attractions, flumes and slides. Shallow Water Guards are responsible for ensuring the smooth and safe operation of our rides for the enjoyment of our guests. These employees can work in pools up to 4 feet deep and are also responsible for the cleanliness of their attraction and work area.

**All participants hired for Shallow Water Lifeguard must pass the Lifeguard Certification course. If a student cannot pass certification, or does not meet all requirements, the employer will relocate the student to another position in the park based on park needs.**

**Requirements of the Lifeguard Certification Training Course include the following:**

**SWIM:** MUST SWIM 100 YARDS CONTINUOUSLY DEMONSTRATING BREATH CONTROL AND RYTHMIC BREATHING. CANDIDATES MAY SWIM THE FRONT CRAWL OR BRESTSTROKE OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH BUT SWIMMING ON THE BACK OR ON THE SIDE IS NOT ALLOWED.

**BRICK:** STARTING IN THE WATER SWIM 20 YARDS USING FRONT CRAWL OR BREST STROKE. THE FACE MAY BE IN OR OUT OF THE WATER. SWIM DOWN TO A DEPTH OF 4 - 5 FT TO RETRIEVE A 10 POUND BRICK. RETURN TO THE SURFACE AND WALK OR SWIM BACK TO THE STARTING POINT WITH BOTH HANDS HOLDING THE BRICK AT THE SURFACE OF THE WATER. EXIT THE WATER WITHOUT USING STEPS OR A LADDER. EXIT THE POOL WITHIN 50 SECONDS.

**TREAD:** TREAD WATER FOR 2 MINUTES USING ONLY THE LEGS. CANDIDATES SHOULD PLACE THEIR HANDS UNDER THEIR ARM PITS.

**SCAN:** IDENTIFY 80% OF OBJECTS IN POOL (8 out of 10 objects)

Due to the nature of outdoor business Busch Gardens Williamsburg/Water Country USA does not guarantee work hours during periods of bad weather.

Although some weeks may have less than 32 hours per week, you can expect to average 32 hours per week or more over the course of your program.

Due to the outdoor nature of the business, there may be times where you will work less hours if the weather is bad for long periods of time. This is not expected, but is always a possibility. Busch Gardens Williamsburg/Water Country USA will make every possible effort to ensure you meet the "average" 32 hours per week of more over the course of your program. You should expect there will be times where you will be scheduled a larger amount of hours and it is not unusual to be scheduled 40-50+ hours a week at certain times of the year. Extra work hours may be available in other Departments if assistance is needed.

You should plan to work 40 or more hours per week during the month of August.

Water Country USA opens May 25th, 2024. **Employees starting work prior to this date will be assisting in getting the water park ready to open. This could involve cleaning areas of the park, setting up pools and lifeguard areas, assisting in getting Food and Beverage locations ready and stocked for opening, and general landscaping help.**

After Labor Day, the Park is only open on the weekends. Generally you can expect to work approximately 32 hours per week in September. Hours will be available during the days the park is open ( Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). Some hours may be available on Thursday getting ready for park opening. **Employees working past Labor Day (September 2nd), can expect to assist in preparing the park for the Halloweek Event, decorating the park for the Halloweek Event, working in the Food & Beverage Department, working in the Rides Department. This will be a great opportunity for you to learn about other areas of the park.**

The Host Company offers a great program to participants and does their best to provide you with cultural experiences along with your work experience. Examples of some of these activities includes:

\* Trips to Washington D.C.

\*Trips to the mountains and waterfalls in Shenandoah National Park

- \* Employee cook outs and parties
- \* Trips to museums in Historic Williamsburg

**Grooming:**

Men must have collar length or shorter hair, no piercings are permitted. Women may have limited piercings. No visible tattoos, no unnatural hair coloring, no strong perfumes or colognes. Daily bath or shower required and daily use of deodorant.

**Dress Code:**

Employees must be in clean pressed authorized uniforms during all working hours and employees should be generally conservative in appearance.

**PRE-ARRIVAL COMMUNICATION**

Busch Gardens will begin to send you arrival information shortly after you are hired. This communication will come through email, with instructions on how to register for your position and housing, so it is very important that you check your emails frequently and respond to all communication sent to you by the Host Company and Intrax.

**IMPORTANT ARRIVAL INFORMATION:**

Participants will be expected to arrive to the International Housing Village on a MONDAY. When you arrive to the International Housing Village, please make sure you bring the following documents with you:

Passport/Visa  
DS 2019 Form

Tuesday and Wednesday will be spent completing your processing paperwork, setting up your bank accounts, getting settle in housing, etc. Your first day will be on Thursday and will consist of New Employee Orientation. Your first few days of work will be spent in orientation and training.

**SECOND JOBS**

Busch Gardens Williamsburg/Water Country USA will be the primary employer. A second job in the community is possible; however a second job must not impact your hours of work with the parks.

Participants are not permitted to work a second job without receiving Intrax approval first.

**Required Duties:**

Water Country USA is a water park! All participants will be REQUIRED to know how to swim. STRONG SWIMMING SKILLS ARE REQUIRED.

Advanced English Skills and Good Customer Service Skills are required.

- Shallow Water guards work an average of 8-11 hours outside
- Some positions are shaded and others are in direct sunlight
- Team members are rotated every 30 minutes
- Some positions are seated and others are standing or walking positions
- Team members also assist with pushing rafts onto the slides and assisting guests at the bottom.
- Team members assist with cleaning ride areas, pathways, eating areas, and bathrooms
- Team members also move rafts and other ride vehicles throughout the day
- If possible Team Members may be cross-trained as Area Hosts

**Skills Required:**

MUST HAVE STRONG SWIMMING SKILLS.

We are looking for team members with a positive attitude lots of energy and ability to good decisions. Must have very good communication skills.

Must be willing to work outside and be on your feet for long periods

**Supplies Required:**

The employer will provide the basic required uniform. Employees are required to purchase their own shoes. Work location determines the type of shoes required.

**Supplies Cost:**

**Company Policies:**

There is pre-employment and random drug screening for all employees; including tests for PCP, marijuana, opiates, cocaine and

*amphetamines. Failure of drug test is cause for immediate dismissal from employment.*

**Interview Required?:** Yes

**Additional Information:** *Job changes are extremely rare and not guaranteed. Request are handled on a case by case basis.*

**Training Dates:**

**Different Training Period Wage:**

**Physical Demands:**

*Must be able to stand for long periods of time; Must be able to work outdoors; Must be able to work in the cold; Must be able to work with cleaning and sanitation products; Performing duties which require bending, reaching, and/or lifting; Lifting & transporting up to 25/30/50/100 pounds*

**Drug Testing Requirements:**

**Meals Included:**

**Transportation:**

**Host Placement - Related Costs:**

**Benefits Provided by Host:**

**Pay Rate:** USD 13.00

**Pay Frequency:** Bi-Weekly

**Pay Notes:**

*If you find you need to change the work dates you agreed to in the job offer this change MUST be made before traveling to the United States and beginning work. Please speak to your agency, in your home country, for any required date changes. Your agency will assist in obtaining approval of the date change with Intrax and Busch Gardens/Water Country USA.*

**Overtime Available?** Yes

**Overtime Rate:** 13.00

**Days Before Start of Work:** 3

**Tipped Position?**

**Accepts Couples?** Yes

**Accepts Groups?** Yes

**Second Job Allowed?** Yes

**Company Provided Housing?** Yes

### Arrival Information

**Recommended Airport:** *Richmond International Airport (RIC) - Located approximately 44 miles from Williamsburg, VA*

**Nearest Bus Station:** *Williamsburg Transportation Center - 4 miles from housing*

*Check [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com) for information about buses to Williamsburg, VA*

**Nearest Train Station:** *Williamsburg Transportation Center - 4 miles from housing*

Check [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) for information about trains to Williamsburg, VA

**Transportation to Company:**

*FREE bus transportation to and from work every day. The employer provides a free bus from Employee housing to and from work.*

*Low cost transportation from Richmond International Airport (RIC) to the Ambassador Housing Village may be available. More information on this will be provided as it gets closer to your arrival time.*

**Reporting Instructions:**

*Please check in on your MY INTRAX account the day you arrive in the United States.*

*All participants should plan to arrive to the International Ambassador Housing Village on a MONDAY. Your paperwork processing, bank set-up, etc. will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday and you will be given time to get settled into housing and to relax before starting your Orientation / training on THURSDAY!*

*Participants who arrive in Williamsburg on a day other than a MONDAY will need to make their own housing arrangements, in a hotel, until the next MONDAY when you can move into your assigned housing.*

**Travel Instructions:**

*Participants should plan to arrange their own ground transportation from the airport they choose to fly into to Williamsburg, VA. They can take an Amtrak train or a Greyhound bus to Williamsburg and take a taxi from the Williamsburg Transportation Center to their housing.*

*The Host Company may assist with transportation from Richmond International Airport (RIC) on specific dates. More information will be provided by the company as you get closer to your arrival time.*

**Nearest Social Security Office:** *The closest Social Security Office is in Newport News, VA*

*11706 JEFFERSON AVENUE  
NEWPORT NEWS, VA 23606*

*Your employer will assist you in arranging transportation to the Social Security Office.*

**Social Security Instructions:**

*Please check in on your MY INTRAX account the day you arrive in the United States. You must be checked-in with Intrax, at least 7-10 days before applying for your Social Security card.*

*Your Host Company will assist you in arranging transportation to the Social Security Office.*

## Area Information

### Area Information:

*Williamsburg, a city in the U.S. state of Virginia, was capital of the Virginia Colony from 1699 to 1780 and played a significant role in the American Revolution. It forms the "Historic Triangle" together with Jamestown and Yorktown. Its heart is Colonial Williamsburg, a historic district and living-history museum where actors in period costume depict daily Colonial life in the streets, stores and workshops.*

*Williamsburg, Virginia where America began with the ideas of democracy, liberty and revolution.*

*Near by is Jamestown, the site of the first permanent English settlement and representative government in the New World and Yorktown, where America's independence was won with the decisive victory of the Revolutionary War.*

*Work in the most historic, old World, relaxing vacation area of the U.S.!*

### Websites:

[www.gowilliamsburg.com](http://www.gowilliamsburg.com)

[www.visitwilliamsburg.com](http://www.visitwilliamsburg.com)

[www.colonialwilliamsburg.com](http://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com)

<https://buschgardens.com/williamsburg/events/christmas-town/>

<https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/explore/seasons/holidays/>

<https://www.tripster.com/travelguide/experience-a-colonial-christmas-at-colonial-williamsburg/>

### Average Climate:

*22-55 degrees Fahrenheit in Winter*

*55-80 degrees Fahrenheit in spring and fall*

*80-100 degrees Fahrenheit in summer*

### Nearest Major Cities:

*Norfolk, VA - approximately 45 minutes away*

*Richmond, VA- approximately 45 minutes away*

*Virginia Beach - approximately 1 hour away*

*Washington D.C. - approximately 3 hours away*

### Cultural Opportunities:

*For an American history lesson unlike any other, you've come to the right place. This town prides itself on its living history museums which include Colonial Williamsburg and the cluster of sites around Jamestown. Colonial Williamsburg is where historical interpreters re-create life on the eve of the Revolutionary War and is a very popular location for American's to visit during their summer vacations.*

*In addition to historic attractions, there are world-class roller coasters in Busch Gardens theme Park, Broadway-style shows in theaters, 18th-century museums, art galleries and a sunset voyage on a pirate ship, among other tours. Walk along the beach, and bike the miles of scenic trails along the Colonial Parkway.*

*Williamsburg has plenty of shopping and dining options with plenty of bars, restaurants, cinema and shopping malls in the area.*

**Website:** <http://seaworldparks.com/en/buschgardens-willia...>

**Additional Website Info:** [www.bgwjobs.com/internationalprogram.html](http://www.bgwjobs.com/internationalprogram.html)

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## Accommodation Option: Busch Gardens/Water Country International Housing Village (Summer 2025)

**Address:** *900 capitol landing road*  
*900 Capitol Landing Rd*  
*Williamsburg VA*  
*23185-4327 - United States*

**Type:** Apartment

**Company Arranged:** Yes

**Company Recommended:** Yes

**Description:**

*Ambassador Housing Village (AHV) - is the private property of Busch Gardens/Water Country USA where employees live during their Work & Travel Program. About 350 employees live in the AHV in peak season. Less employees live in the AHV during the winter and spring seasons, but you should still expect to have up to 4-5 roommates.*

*During the peak summer program, some participants will live in hotels until rooms become available in the Ambassador Housing Village. Participants placed in one of the Hotels will have transportation provided to/from work. You may live in the hotel for most of your program, but will be required to move to the Ambassador Housing Village once a space becomes available for you.*

*Whether you are assigned a room in the Ambassador Housing Village, or one of the hotels, will be determined based on room availability when you arrive.*

*Housing in the Ambassador Housing Village (AHV) is dormitory style with 4-5 people per room. There are no mixed gender rooms so couples CANNOT live together.*

*Each room has beds, linens, dressers, private bathroom, TV, hot water, air conditioning, refrigerator, WIFI, and free local calls. For safety there is AHV security and AHV staff to assist students at most times of the day and evening.*

*1 KM to large grocery stores. City transit available next to the housing. a Bank is 5 KM and entertainment is available throughout city.*

*A main kitchen facility is provided, as well as laundry at no cost. Rooms are fully furnished.*

*It is recommended to bring a personal towel, but not required. WiFi internet available everywhere on housing property as well as seven internet PCs.*

*Seasonal swimming pool, basketball, volleyball, and organized activities available at the housing complex.*

**IMPORTANT ARRIVAL INFORMATION:**

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*Passport/Visa  
DS 2019 Form*

*Once you arrive at the AHV you will be assigned to a room in the AHV or taken to one of the hotels.*

*Tuesday and Wednesday will be spent completing your processing paperwork, setting up your bank accounts, getting settle in housing, etc. Your first day will be on Thursday and will consist of New Employee Orientation. Your first few days of work will be spent in orientation and training.*

**PARTICIPANTS WHO ARRIVE TO WILLIAMSBURG ON A DAY OTHER THAN MONDAY WILL NEED TO WAIT UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MONDAY TO MOVE INTO HOUSING. YOU WILL NEED TO ARRANGE FOR YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATIONS UNTIL YOU CAN MOVE INTO THE AMBASSADOR HOUSING VILLAGE.**

**THIS MAY ALSO DELAY THEIR JOB START/OREINTATION DATE.**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO PLAN ALL TRAVEL TO ENSURE YOU ARRIVE IN WILLIAMSBURG ON THE MONDAY PRIOR TO YOUR START DATE.**

**Estimated Weekly Cost:** USD 140.00

**Additional Weekly Cost:**

**Additional Cost Description:**

*Housing Costs \$20 per day/ \$140 per week.*

**SOME OF YOUR HOUSING MAY BE REFUNDED TO YOU AT THE END OF YOUR WORK AGREEMENT!**

Participants are eligible to have \$5 per day, for every day you lived in housing, refunded to you at the end of your work agreement. For example, if your program is 16 weeks long, and you live in housing 112 days, you are eligible to receive a housing refund of \$560 at the end of your program.

A total of up to \$5 per day may be refunded to you via payroll after your departure based on successful completion of the program. Successful completion of the program includes working at BGW/WCUSA until your original work completion date, maintaining good standing at the Ambassador Housing Village or other supported housing, passing a final room inspection, completing all check-out paperwork and processes; a full list will be provided upon move-in with your Housing Agreement.

Participants who quit their job, are fired, cause damage in housing, have housing violations such as noise complaints or not keeping your housing clean, or have other housing violations will not be eligible for a refund of their housing fees.

Please note: once you move into housing rent is charged even if you are not in the housing for a few days. For example: if you take a few days off to go to New York City, and are not staying in the housing, you are still charged rent for the days you are gone.

You cannot check in and out of housing more than one time. Once you check out of housing, your housing space will be filled by another employee and housing will no longer be available for you.

Rent covers all expenses except food and entertainment.

Any rent owed, at the end of your program, will be charged to you and failure to pay will result in a no rehire status with Busch Gardens.

**Commute Options:** Walking; Bicycle; Bus

**Commute Cost:** USD 0.00

**Company Provides Transportation:** Yes

**Estimated Distance to Company:**

Housing is located within 5 miles of the work location. The Host Company provides free transportation to and from work every day.

**Gender Restrictions:** None

**Features:****Features Description:****Additional Information:**

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**WINTER PARTICIPANTS WITH A START DATE OF NOVEMBER 15th or DECEMBER 1st WILL HAVE SPECIAI ARRANGMENTS TO ARRIVE ON A DAY OTHER THAN MONDAY.**

**Estimated Weekly Cost:** USD 105.00

**Additional Weekly Cost:**

**Additional Cost Description:**

Housing Costs \$15 per day/ \$105 per week.

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