



City of Surprise Jr. Coach Program

The City of Surprise Swim and Dive Team coaches are extending an invitation to 8 – 12 swim team members, **13 years or older** that would like to volunteer their time and talent to help support the team as a volunteer Junior Coach for the 2021 season. The primary duties would include supporting the Coaches during team practices and swim meets, offering young swimmers tips to improve their swim strokes, and helping the coaches conduct these activities in a safe manner. Junior Coaches will also act in a leadership/mentoring role to foster young swimmer and diver growth, demonstrate good sportsmanship and strengthen the sense of community among our younger City of Surprise swimmers.

Requirements for Becoming a Junior Swim Team Coach

- Be at least 13 years of age.
- Be a member of the Surprise Swim Team
- Complete an application
- View this job as a serious commitment, because the swimmers and coaches will depend on your presence and contributions

Application Process

Please fill out your completed application by **May 21, 2021** and bring to the Parks & Recreation Office located at 15960 N Bullard Ave Surprise, AZ 85374 or email your application to annie.stephens@surpriseaz.gov . We are selecting 8 – 12 candidates for our Junior Coaching program. After applications are submitted all applicants will be reviewed and selected candidates will be notified on or before May 26, 2021.

Summary of Responsibilities of a Junior Coach

Practices:

- Assist coaches in set up and clean-up of the supplies necessary for daily practice (clock, kickboards, lane lines, etc.).
- Provide extra assistance on-deck or in the pool during practice, as requested by coaches (ex. demonstration of proper stroke technique or proper executions of a practice drill).
- Under direction from the coaches, work with an individual or small group of swimmer(s) on a specific area of weakness or skill development.
- Encourage younger swimmers to behave in an orderly and safe manner.

Swim Meets:

- Report to coaches 30 minutes prior to start of swim meet to assist in final set-up.
- Locate swimmers by age group when called by Swim Team Coaches.
- Usher swimmers to locations in a timely manner.
- Hand out ribbons to winners.
- Act as role model for team spirit and support. CHEER!
- Encourage younger swimmers to be safe but have fun!
- Clean up after meet, as needed.



City of Surprise Swim and Dive Team Junior Coach Application

Applicants must be a minimum of 13 years age

NAME: _____ DOB: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____ E-MAIL: _____

SCHEDULING INFORMATION

I am interested in working with: **Swim Team** **Dive Team**

I am available to assist the following DAYS of the week: Please circle all that apply

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

My best TIME availability during the summer to assist with practice: Please circle all that apply

Mornings: 9:00am – 10:00am 10:00am – 11:00am

Evenings: 6:00pm – 8:00pm 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Age Group Preference: (Please rank 1 – 4, with 1 being the highest, in order of priority)

___ 6 & under

___ 7 & 8 year olds

___ 9 & 10 year olds

___ 11 & 12 year olds

Please list any dates that you will be UNAVAILABLE between June 1 and July 17

(This will factor greatly into the selection process as availability and punctuality is essential to a successful season.)

EXPERIENCE

Year Swimming/Diving _____ Skill Level _____

Achievements _____

COACHING/LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Describe coaching/leadership experience related to swimming/diving or experience with children:

Please list any **CREATIVE IDEAS** you can bring to the Team:

Please submit completed applications prior to May 21, 2021

Drop off or mail to Parks & Recreation Office Attn: Annie Stephens

15960 N Bullard Ave Surprise, AZ 85374 or email to: annie.stephens@surpriseaz.gov