

# 2017 Junior Lifeguard Program Information Sheet

The Destin Fire Control District is proud to hold the 11<sup>th</sup> year of Junior Lifeguards and LIT programs. The program has grown fast and we are so thankful for the parents and participants for having faith in the service. We look forward to providing a quality learning experience for the youth of our area.

## **What is the difference between a Junior and an LIT?**

While all participants are in the Junior Lifeguard program, first year kids are considered Juniors and those returning for a second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth or seventh season are LITs (Lifeguards In Training). This is important as the schedules for each are different. It is imperative for parents who have children in both to understand this, as the field trips on Thursdays are at different times and locations.

## **What are the dates and times of the program?**

The program will take place at Henderson Beach State Park. The days and dates are Monday through Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>, with no program during the week of July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **How much does the program cost?**

The total cost of the program is \$600 per participant. This includes field trips and a uniform. However, if the tuition is paid in full by May 1, 2017, the cost is only \$550 per child. This is a saving of \$50. The Destin Fire Control District accepts cash or check (no credit cards).

## **Can we carpool?**

Please refer to the transportation permission form of your application.

## **I heard that some participants get school credit and a scholarship.**

Junior Lifeguards and LITs are eligible for a scholarship for an elective school credit. *The participant must be entering the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade* and meet all the requirements in the school credit packet. Please read this carefully as there are very specific guidelines that need to be met including teacher evaluation, attendance, etc.

## **I am registered, what's next?**

Once you are registered and paid in full, you must attend the following:

If your child is a first-year Junior lifeguard:

- They must attend one of the swim test dates included in this packet. (see Pre-season schedule)
- They must attend one of the uniform dates included in this packet. (see Pre-season schedule)
- Information days are for parents and children who may have questions about the program. Attendance is not mandatory.

If your child is an LIT:

- One of the uniform dates included in this packet. (see Pre-season schedule)

## **I have registered, paid in full and my child has completed a swim test and has a uniform, then what?**

Once paid in full, you will be issued a DESTIN JR. LIFE GUARD parking sticker. This is to be displayed on the driver's side window of your vehicle. While driving in Henderson Beach State Park, **please adhere to the speed limit.** Henderson Beach State Park is a wonderful venue for us to host the program, and we would hate to lose it. When entering the park, please stop at the guard gate, wave and let them recognize your window sticker before proceeding to drop off your child.

## **What should my child bring each day?**

- Refillable water bottle
- Hat or sun visor
- Removable shoes (such as crocks or flip flops)
- Towel
- Sunscreen (apply before coming and reapply during program. Must be able to apply themselves)
- Healthy snack (such as oranges, grapes, watermelon, etc. Please try and stay away from salty items.)
- Bag to keep your items in

Please label all items with your name. The District is not responsible for lost, stolen, or misplaced items.

Next is to let your child learn all there is to know about the aquatic environment and have the best summer ever! Once again thanks for your efforts and participating in our awesome summer program.

Sincerely,

Joe D'Agostino  
Beach Safety Division Chief