

2021 Junior Lifeguard Program Information Sheet

The Destin Fire Control District is proud to hold the 15th 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 are at different times and locations. ***Note: if your child is a first year participant and is attending both session, they will be considered a Junior for both Session I and Session II.***

What are the dates and times of the program?

The program will take place at Henderson Beach State Park, located in Destin, Florida. Program dates and times are as follows:

- Session I - June 14th to July 1st (Monday through Thursday from 8am to 12pm)
- Session II – July 12th to July 29th (Monday through Thursday from 8am to 12pm)

How much does the program cost?

The total cost of each program session is \$400 per participant. This includes the cost of any field trip and a uniform. Payment can be made by Discover/MasterCard/Visa, cash or check made payable to: Destin Fire Control District. ***If paying by credit card a convenience fee of 2.5% with a minimum of \$2.00 will apply.***

Session fees are refundable (less a \$50 per session registration deposit) up to 2 weeks prior to opening day of the session.

- **Emergencies:** If you have a medical or family emergency and are unable to attend the program, please contact us as soon as possible. We will do our best to accommodate you, however refunds are at the discretion of the program director.
- **Last minute cancellations:** If and only if we have a waiting list and can fill your spot, will we provide a refund (less the \$50 per session registration deposit).
- **Refunds will not be given if:**
 - A participant is sent home due to behavioral issues
 - A participant decides to drop out of the program or leaves early/before the end of the session
 - The participant is sick and either stayed home from, or was sent home from the program due to fever or other ailments
- **Refund request exceptions must be made in writing and include supporting documentation (ie. doctor's note).**

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 if enrolled at a public school located in the Okaloosa County School District. The participant must be entering the 9th or 10th grade and must 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.. The number of scholarships offered are limited and determined annually.

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. (see Pre-season schedule)
- They must attend one of the uniform dates. (see Pre-season schedule)

If your child is an LIT:

- They must attend one of the uniform dates. (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. LIFEGUARD 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 for participating in our awesome summer program.

Sincerely,

Joe D'Agostino
Beach Safety Division Chief