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## Gateway News Release

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### **Lifeguard Jobs Open at Gateway** **Testing for Summer 2008 Begins This Weekend**

Each summer the National Park Service employs over 125 lifeguards to guard the swimming beaches at several sites within the Gateway National Recreation Area. Sites include Jacob Riis Park in Queens and Great Kills Park on Staten Island, and Sandy Hook in New Jersey.

Recruitment for these lifeguard positions begins during the winter when pre-employment tests are given, tests that are designed to measure an applicant's swimming and running ability.

Applicants do not need to be experienced lifeguards since they will go through a complete training program when hired.

“With Gateway’s beaches open Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day, these lifeguard positions offer a great opportunity to learn a new skill at some of the most beautiful beaches in the Metropolitan Area. Combined with excellent pay and earned time-off, it’s a great way to spend the summer,” commented Barry Sullivan, Gateway’s General Superintendent.

There are currently fourteen test dates that applicants can select from beginning this Saturday, January 5; tests will continue through April. For a complete list of testing locations and basic requirements, call 800-678-7946.

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