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Knox County Parks and Recreation Offering Teens Great Summer Jobs

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Attention teenagers: Looking for a fun summer job or a career jumpstart?

The Knox County Parks and Recreation Department is recruiting high school students for part-time opportunities as groundskeepers at our parks and ballfields, recreation assistants, and golf cart attendants along the courses at Three Ridges.

Team members from the department plan to visit high schools this week and next week to meet with students 16-years-old and up. They will have a booth on display inside the school and are available to answer any questions.

"We are excited to announce that we have lowered the minimum age for a number of our entry level positions in our department," said Joe Mack, senior director of the Knox County Parks and Recreation Department. "I've worked with young people in the past and they have been an integral part of our teams."

Hours and schedules are flexible, and students can work up to 30 hours per week during the summer. Recreation jobs, though, tend to be more concentrated in the afternoons, evenings, and weekends. Parks maintenance jobs are generally Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Positions at the golf course are open seven days a week.

The recreation and parks jobs pay $12 an hour and the golf cart attendant jobs pay $7.50 per hour.

"These jobs will introduce young Knox County residents to the part-time workforce and give them a sense of responsibility and a feeling of belonging," Mack added. "They will also provide them with work experience for future employment and teach them about local government and how it impacts their lives on a daily basis. I also truly believe that we should all be training someone to take our place one day. This is a great way to introduce young people to recreation in a way that could grow into a passion that might lead them on a path to a lengthy career in the recreation industry or with Knox County."

For a list of jobs, click here.

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