

Busch Gardens W Water Country USA

Shallow Water Host
Williamsburg, VA



Company Biography

Are you ready for a season of fun, new experiences, and meeting lots of new people from the USA and all over the world? Busch Gardens Williamsburg and Water Country USA (BGW/WCUSA) offers this to our international students and much, much, more! At BGW/WCUSA, we offer more than just an ordinary job. Our team of cast members is the key to making sure that each and every one of our guests has a unique and memorable visit. BGW/WCUSA are two of the ten SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment theme parks. As one of the largest theme park operators in the world, we take pride in the quality of all of our products. BGW/WCUSA take the same pride in the quality program we offer to our international students. BGW/WCUSA hire more than 6,000 seasonal employees each year domestically and from all over the world. Join our team and you will have an unforgettable summer! Here are some of the things you can look forward to:- Work with employees from all over the world!- Affordable housing with FREE employer provided transportation to work.- FREE access to Busch Gardens Williamsburg and Water Country USA on your days off!- Employer organized employee activities, parties and trips.All J1Sea World Entertainment employees must be a minimum of 18 years old

Work and Pay Details

Position title: Shallow Water Host

Hourly wage: \$8.15

Tips? No

Description of position:

Water Country USA offers over 20 different attractions, flumes, and slides. Shallow Water Guards are responsible for ensuring the smooth and safe operation of our rides, for the enjoyment of our guests. These employees can work in pools up to 4 feet deep and are also responsible for the cleanliness of their attraction and work area.

- Shallow Water guards work an average of 10-11 hours outside
- Some positions are shaded and others are in direct sunlight
- Team members are rotated every 30 minutes
- Some positions are seated and others are standing or walking positions
- Team members also assist with pushing rafts onto the slides and assisting guests at the bottom.
- Team members assist with cleaning ride areas, pathways, eating areas, and bathrooms
- Team members also move rafts and other ride vehicles throughout the day
- If possible Team Members may be cross-trained as Area Hosts

Specific qualifications required:

No prior experience necessary - all positions offered are entry level. : We are looking for team members with a positive attitude, lots of energy and an ability to make guest and kid-centered decisions. Applicants with flexible schedules increase their chances of obtaining the position of their choice.

Students will have a swim test upon arrival.
Shallow Water Guard positions are assigned as area host positions until swim test is complete and certified as Shallow Water Guard.

Swimming qualifications:

- Swim - 100 yards, front crawl or breaststroke.
- Brick - 20 yards swim, 4-5 foot surface dive, retrieve 10 lbs brick, swim or walk 20 yards on back with both hands holding brick, and exit pool without using ladder steps. Complete in 50 seconds.
- Tread - Tread water without arms for 2 minutes.
- Scan - Identify 80% of objects in pool (8 out of 10 objects).

Estimated weekly wage (incl. tips): \$300.00

Bonus: None

Conditions of bonus:

Average hours for last year's students? 40 Hours

Maximum weekly hours allowed: 60 Hours

Minimum average number of hours? 35 Hours

Possibility of getting more than average hours: Good

Students get the most hours in: July, August

Students get the least hours in: May, September

How often are students paid? Every Two Weeks

Do you pay overtime? No

If yes, after how many hours per week do you pay overtime? Not specified

Does your company only operate weekends before or after specific dates? Yes

If yes, what are the dates?

Before May 23 parks operate on an abbreviated schedule. Water Country USA closes on September 1 and students may be transferred to Busch Gardens, which is only open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays in September and October. Employment after Sept 1 is not guaranteed.

40 hours per week *not guaranteed.* Hours vary each week and are dependent on weather and other circumstances. Some weeks students will work more than 40 hours and some weeks students will work less than 40 hours.

Work and Pay Details

Position location: Water Country USA

Other Job Details

Minimum english level: (5) Upper Intermediate

Description of working conditions: Working conditions vary according to job assignment. Will require working in pools up to four feet deep. May require standing, exposure to direct sunlight, and work outdoors in very hot weather. Will require some cleaning and exposure to cleaning chemicals. Must not have any allergies to cleaning chemicals or direct sunlight. May 23 parks operate on an abbreviated schedule.

Will job duties be different at the beginning of the season? Yes

If yes, provide details of specific job duties: Before May 23 parks operate on an abbreviated schedule. 40 hours per week *not guaranteed.* Hours vary each week and are dependent on weather and other circumstances. Some weeks students will work more than 40 hours and some weeks students will work less than 40 hours.

Uniform and Grooming Requirements

Are students required to wear a uniform? Yes

If yes, what is the cost of the uniform? Not specified

Are uniform laundry services available? No

If yes, what is the cost of the laundry service? \$0.00

Do students need to purchase specific clothing or footwear? Yes

Details of purchasing required clothing or footwear: May need to purchase shoes, black or white depending on job assignment. More information will be provided by employer.

Do you have company grooming requirements? Yes

Details of company grooming requirements? Clean, neat appearance. Limit on number of piercings and no long hair for men. More information will be provided by the employer.

Other Company Details

Company hires couples? Yes

Company hires groups of up to 4? Yes

Drug test required? Yes

Do students complete an additional application upon arrival? Yes

Does your company issue completion certificates? Yes

If requested, will you evaluate the student's performance? Yes

Any additional company details?

Students will be provided with a employment agreement/contract from the employer. This will be distributed during the hiring event. Area web sites of interest: www.williamsburg.com www.colonialwilliamsburg.com www.historyisfun.org www.virginia.org All J1Sea World Entertainment employees must be a minimum of 18 years old

Training Information

Is job training required? Yes

Length of training: 5-40 hours depending on job assignment

Are students paid during training? Yes

Hourly pay rate during training: \$7.80

How many hours per week are students likely to receive during training period? 20

Any other details?

Worksite Location

Worksite location: Water Country USA

Nearest major city: Norfolk/Richmond

Worksite setting: Suburban

Nearest major airport: Norfolk (ORF) or Richmond (RIC)

Distance to nearest major airport: 40 miles

Additional worksite setting details: Williamsburg VA is a top tourist destination. Tourists come to visit BGW/WCUSA and explore Colonial Williamsburg. The Historic Area is an interpretation of a Colonial American city during the Revolutionary War period.

Standard Arrival Information

Are students required to arrive or depart on specific dates? Yes

Details of required arrival or departure dates:

Exact arrival dates will be specified at Road Shows. All arrivals will be on weekends first day of work will be a Monday. No exceptions.

Mode of transportation: Public Transportation

Students must arrive between these hours: housing open 24 hours

Cost: \$0.00

Other details:

Standard Arrival Information

Students should fly into Dulles International Airport (IAD) in Washington DC. From the airport take a Greyhound Bus or Amtrak Train to Williamsburg, Virginia. Arrivals into NYC or Philadelphia are also possible but necessitate a longer train or bus ride.

Once at the station, students can take a local bus (under \$5) or taxi/Uber (under \$10) to the International Housing Village located at 900 Capitol Landing Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

Students should coordinate their flights so as to arrive at their housing up to five days prior to their Monday job start date. Do not arrive on your job start date.

After Hours Arrival Information

General Information: Not necessary - open 24 hours

Name of accommodation: Accommodation address:

Cost per night: \$0.00

Best way to travel from airport to overnight accommodation:

Social Security

Are students required to apply for a social security card prior to arriving at worksite? No

Will the company assist students with their social security application? Yes

Assistance detail: Students are scheduled and transported to the local SS office. We maintain direct communication with our local SSA.

Where is the nearest social security office? Newport News Distance: 25 miles

How will students be paid until their social security card arrives? Normally

Housing Details

Is housing provided? Yes If not, will you assist students in finding housing? N/A

Are there affordable housing options in the area? N/A

Housing options in the area: N/A

Local housing resources: N/A

Housing address: 900 Capitol Landing Road Williamsburg VA 23185

Is the student required to sign a separate housing contract? Yes

Type of housing provided: Dormitory Number of students to a room: 2-4

Housing details: Our International Housing Village offers dorm-like accommodations in a former motel within walking distance to stores and restaurants. See job offer provided at the hiring event for more information.

The International Housing Village (IHV) is the private property of Busch Gardens where students working for BG/WCUSA live during their Work and Travel program.

About 430 students live in the International Housing Village in peak season. Housing is dormitory style, with four persons sharing a room. Each room has individual beds, cable television, refrigerator, bathroom and shower, hot water, heat, air conditioning, free local telephone calls and access to international calls using phone cards. Hi-speed WiFi is available at the IHV. For safety there is IHV security and IHV staff to assist you at most times of the day and evening.

Busch Gardens in Williamsburg is an action packed, European-themed park with 17th century charm and 21st century technology, boasting more than 300 acres of unparalleled fun and adventure for the entire family.

Water Country USA, the mid-Atlantic's largest family water play park, features the world's latest, greatest, state-of-the-art water rides and attractions, spectacular entertainment, shopping and restaurants - all set to a colorful 1950's surf theme.

BG/WCUSA International Work and Travel Program is best suited for students who are independent, open minded, reliable, mature and seeking a cultural experience.

Do you offer co-ed housing? No

Cost of housing - per week: 77.00 Includes utilities? Yes

Are housing costs deducted from paycheck? No

Is a housing deposit required? Yes Amount of housing deposit: \$200.00

Instructions for payment of housing deposit: Via wire transfer prior to arrival. Students must make deposit payment to their agent who will then make the payment via wire transfer. Instructions will be discussed at the Hiring Event and students' agents will have further information.

Housing deposit due date: Is deposit refundable? Yes

Housing Details	
Conditions of deposit refund:	Participants must meet ALL terms in the Busch Gardens Job Offer Agreement. Housing must be left in same condition as prior to moving in. Students must stay through the end of their work agreement.
How will deposit be refunded?	\$200.00 USD deposited on VISA pay card (cash is not an option) at the end of work contract.
Are students required to live in provided housing upon arrival?	Yes
During their work stay, can students find alternate housing?	No
If yes, is there a penalty?	Yes

Transportation to/from Worksite	
Method of transportation to worksite:	Transportation provided by employer at no cost
Distance to worksite: 10 minutes by employee shuttle bus.	Is worksite within walking distance of housing? No
Cost of public transportation to worksite:	Not specified
Details of public transportation to worksite:	The local bus stop is across the street from the International Housing Village. Students may take this bus to get to local shopping areas within Williamsburg. However, the employer also provides a FREE employee shuttle.
Cost of transportation to worksite provided by employer:	Not specified
Details of transportation to worksite arranged by employer:	FREE employee shuttle bus runs from the international housing village, to work and to local shopping.
Cost of arranging own transportation to worksite:	Not specified
Details of arranging own transportation to worksite:	

Housing Amenities		
Available public transportation:	Bus, Interstate Bus, Train	
Access to public transportation?	Walking Distance	
On Site Housing Amenities		
Laundry: Yes	Linens: Yes	Private bath: Yes
Refrigerator: Yes	Microwave: Yes	Air conditioning: Yes
TV: Yes	Telephone: Yes	Security guard: Yes
Computer/Internet Access: Yes	Utensils: No	Gym: No
Individual Beds: Yes		
Nearby Amenities		
Supermarket: Walking Distance	Restaurants: Walking Distance	
Shopping mall: In town/accessible	Fitness center: Walking Distance	
Post office: In town/accessible	Laundry: Walking Distance	
Bank: Walking Distance	Internet cafe: Walking Distance	
Movie theater: In town/accessible	Library: In town/accessible	
Additional amenities:	Free bicycle rental, cable television, free wireless access and laundry! Also basketball court, volleyball, swimming pool, billiard table and table tennis!	

Meal Information		
Are meals included in rent cost?	No	
If not, meal plan cost per day:	Not Specified	Meals covered: Not Specified
Is the purchase of a meal plan mandatory?	No	

Cultural Opportunities	
Types of cultural opportunities provided	
Organized Holiday Event(s): Yes	Organized Trip(s) to Major Attraction(s): Yes
Organized Potluck(s) or Dinner(s): Yes	Organized Trip(s) to Major City: Yes
Organized Karaoke Night(s): No	Information about Events: Yes
Organized Movie Night(s): Yes	Information about Local Resources: Yes
Organized Sporting Event(s): Yes	Information about Attractions/Sites: Yes
Organized Staff Exchange Event(s) - Other: No	Information about Local Community: Yes

Cultural Opportunities

Organized Trip(s) to Nearby Attraction(s):	Yes	Other:	Yes
If Other, please describe:	Several cultural opportunities are provided and vary any given year. Each year the employer holds a staff wide party called Team Member Night. The employer also run weekly events open to all employees such as bbqs, picnics, movie nights, etc. There is also a softball league and bowling league open to all staff. The employer organizes bus trips to several points of interest including shopping trips, trips to DC, trips to Virginia Beach and eco-tourism trips into the mountains. Trips are run on average 3-5 times per summer so all interested students have an opportunity to participate.		
Additional details about cultural offerings:			