



Busy Season Starts Early for Pittsburgh Amusement Park Recruitment Teams

Kennywood, Sandcastle, Idlewild & SoakZone begin summer hiring push

WEST MIFFLIN, PA – Winter may be here, but that doesn't mean the HR teams at Kennywood, Sandcastle Waterpark and Idlewild & SoakZone are in hibernation. In fact, February is a critical time as the Pittsburgh region's premier family attractions gear up for summer by recruiting close to 3,000 seasonal Team Members to bring the fun to life.

Kennywood continues in its longtime role as the largest youth employer in the Tri-State area. The park seeks to hire about 1,500 individuals to work in its Rides, Games, Food & Beverage, Grounds and Public Safety departments. Idlewild will hire about 800 employees and Sandcastle approximately 400 people for the same departments. Both those parks are also recruiting lifeguards and offering free lifeguard training.

While high school and college students are traditionally the bulk of each park's seasonal staff, the number of mid-career professionals and senior citizens choosing to spend part of their summer months on amusement park midways continues to grow.

“Working at Kennywood is a great first entry to a young adult's resume,” says Joe Barron, Human Resources Director for Kennywood and Sandcastle. “But it's also a wonderful opportunity for seniors and others looking to supplement their income with a job that's engaging, unique and often quite fun!”

Employment at Kennywood, Sandcastle, and Idlewild brings perks such as flexible scheduling, scholarship programs, free admission to all three parks and other regional amusement parks, discounted tickets for friends and family, team-building activities such as movie nights, intramural sports competitions and discounts on park food and merchandise.

Retirees, adults and teenagers interested in seasonal work are encouraged to apply online today. Most Kennywood, Sandcastle and Idlewild seasonal positions are available to applicants age 16 and older. Some job opportunities are available to those age 14 and 15.

For those interested in learning more about working at Kennywood and Sandcastle, the parks will host two job fairs at Kennywood on Saturday, February 29 and Sunday, March 1 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Idlewild will host similar events on Saturday, March 7 and Saturday, April 11, both from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. For more information and to apply online, visit the Employment pages of each park: [Kennywood](#), [Sandcastle](#) or [Idlewild](#).

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About Kennywood, Sandcastle and Idlewild & SoakZone:

Kennywood is America's Finest Traditional Amusement Park! The Pittsburgh-area park, founded in 1898 offers a unique mix of modern thrills and classic rides, including seven roller coasters, a 14-ride Kiddieland, and several attractions that cannot be found anywhere else. Sandcastle Waterpark has been providing summer fun for 30 seasons, offering fun for all ages with 15 world-class waterslides, the wild Mon-Tsunami Wave Pool, scenic Mushroom Pool, relaxing Lazy River, and more. Idlewild & SoakZone, founded in 1878 as a picnic ground along the Ligonier Valley Rail Road, is the longest-operating amusement park in Pennsylvania and third-oldest in America. It has been recognized as one of the world's best children's park by **Amusement Today** magazine.

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