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Kennywood, Sandcastle, Idlewild Boost Pay Rates Up To \$16/hour For Preseason's Final Hiring Push

Pittsburgh fun parks to increase starting wages for adult seasonal employees \$4 - \$5/hour to attract additional 900 Team Members

WEST MIFFLIN, PA – Locals eager for more fun this summer and job-seekers in search of a rewarding, unique environment can find something to scream about: Kennywood and its sister parks are raising the stakes on a preseason hiring spree!

With outlooks improving for the Summer Seasons at Kennywood, Sandcastle Waterpark and Idlewild & SoakZone in recent weeks, park management wish to hire an additional 900 seasonal Team Members across the three Western Pennsylvania parks in order to expand operating schedules closer to pre-pandemic standards. To do so, starting hourly pay rates for positions that require an adult (at least 18 years old, or graduating high school seniors) will now make \$13 an hour at Kennywood and Sandcastle, and up to \$16 an hour at Idlewild, and will also be eligible for a variety of perks and bonuses. New this spring, new and returning seasonal Team Members will receive a complimentary 2021 Basic Season Pass for themselves and up to three members of their immediate family as long as they apply and complete the hiring process by May 10.

“All signs point to a much better summer, so we’re stepping up our recruitment efforts to attract great candidates and deliver great experiences for our guests,” says Kennywood/Sandcastle General Manager Mark Pauls. “We can’t wait to get people back to work, and back to fun!”

Positions are available in all departments, with the parks’ primary focus on Lifeguards, Ride Operators, and Food & Beverage staff. In addition to the new pay rates and sign-on Season Passes, Team Members receive discounts on dining and retail, advancement and bonus opportunities based on performance, scholarship opportunities, and invitations to team-building activities such as galas and movie nights.

All three parks will continue their commitment to the [health and safety](#) of Guests and Team Members by following the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Pennsylvania Department of Health and best practices within the amusement and attractions industries. In-person interviews and orientations will be conducted with facial coverings, social distancing, and strict adherence to indoor capacity limitations. Team Members returning from prior years will be able to participate in online orientations.

Those interested can apply online at the park of their choice: [Kennywood](#), [Sandcastle](#), or [Idlewild](#). Kennywood’s season begins Saturday, May 8, with Sandcastle and Idlewild opening on Saturday, May 29.

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About Kennywood, Sandcastle & Idlewild:

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 12-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.

Founded in 1878, Idlewild & SoakZone is the third-longest operating amusement park in the United States, and has been nationally recognized for its appeal to families with young children. Idlewild features classic amusement rides, the SoakZone water park, costumed characters, and one-of-a-kind attractions such as Story Book Forest and Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood.

About Palace Entertainment

[Palace Entertainment](#) is one of the leading leisure park operators in the United States, with 25 major entertainment and educational venues across 10 different states offering a wide range of family-friendly rides, attractions and educational experiences. Headquartered in Pittsburgh, Penna., Palace Entertainment is part of Parques Reunidos, one of the leading global operators, with more than 60 different assets (theme parks, zoos and marine parks, water parks and other attractions) spread out over various countries across Europe, North America, the Middle East, and Australia.