



## Area parks to hire 2,700 summer employees

### Kennywood, Sandcastle, Idlewild & SoakZone begin summer hiring push

**WEST MIFFLIN, PA** – The Pittsburgh region’s premier family fun attractions, Kennywood, Sandcastle Waterpark and Idlewild & SoakZone, are now accepting job applications for the summer operating season.

Kennywood is the largest youth employer in the Tri-State area, and plans 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.

In an effort to strengthen the workforce at the parks, all new and returning seasonal employees will see an increase in hourly wages from previous years. Pay rates for new Team Members will be \$9.00 per hour, with Sandcastle lifeguards making \$11 per hour. In the Laurel Highlands, new Idlewild Team Members will make \$8.30 - \$9.00 per hour to start.

“A day of fun at our parks wouldn’t be possible for any of us without the Team Members on the front lines who run rides, serve food and sell tickets,” says Joe Barron, Human Resources Director for Kennywood and Sandcastle. “A job at Kennywood is more than a paycheck over the summer – it’s a learning experience on how to work with the public and have fun on the job!”

Beyond being a great addition to a young adult’s resume, employment at Kennywood, Sandcastle, and Idlewild brings perks such as flexible scheduling, free admission to all three parks and a number of 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 for these unique opportunities. 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 (salary for these positions begins at \$8/hour, \$7.30/hour at Idlewild).

For those interested in learning more about working at Kennywood and Sandcastle, the parks will host a job fair at Kennywood on Saturday, March 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Idlewild will host a similar event on Saturday, April 20 from 10 – 3. For more information and to apply online, visit the Employment pages of each park: [Kennywood](#), [Sandcastle](#) or [Idlewild](#).

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Kennywood is America’s Finest Traditional Amusement Park! The Pittsburgh-area park 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. Kennywood, founded in 1898, continues to provide unforgettable fun for all ages.

Sandcastle Waterpark has been providing summer fun for 30 seasons. Sandcastle offers fun for all ages with 15 infamous waterslides, the wild Mon-Tsunami Wave Pool, scenic Mushroom Pool, relaxing Lazy River, pint-sized Tad Pool, and Wet Willie's Waterworks.

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 the world's best children's park by **Amusement Today** magazine.