

Waterpark Assignment

- Option #1 - Visit another pool that is classified as a waterpark (preferably on a busy swim) and do the following:
1. Ask the supervisor (or phone ahead) and ask permission.
 2. If possible, obtain a map of the pool. If not, then quickly sketch an outline of the pool.
 3. Observe the system of guarding. How many guards are on deck? Are they using a pivot guard system? Indicate their placement on the pool map.
 4. How many focal points are there, and where are they located? Indicate this on the pool map as well.
 5. List five major challenges of lifeguarding this waterpark.
 6. Take a picture of the three most hazardous areas in the pool.
- Option #2 - Find three different pools or waterparks that have slides. Try out each waterslide and then describe and classify them. Rank the waterslides for speed, length, fun, safety, etc. If possible, take pictures of the slides as well as the lifeguarding set-up.
- Option #3 - Spend some time at the waterslides!
1. Make a list of all the slides and classify them
 2. Find several major hazards at the waterpark
 3. Ask some of the lifeguards about their procedures, and write down a couple of interesting ones.
 4. How do the lifeguards communicate with each other?
 5. What do the lifeguards do to prevent accidents?
 6. Write down a few other interesting things that you learned to share with the class.
- Option #4 - Complete at least two hours of shadow guarding at a waterpark facility other than the one you are taking this course at. You will need to phone ahead of time, and arrange this. Learn some new things about lifeguarding that you can share with the class.
- Option #5 - Make up your own option of comparable size, and ask me about it.

Waterpark pools:

- Richmond Watermania
- Coquitlam Aquatic Centre
- Saanish Commonwealth
- Kitsilano (no waves or slides)
- Walnut Grove Comm. Centre (no waves)
- Newton Wave Pool (small)
- Fleetwood (no waves)
- Matsqui Recreation Centre (small)