



Department:	St. Mary's County Recreation and Parks
Division:	Recreation Division/Special Events
Position:	Specialized Leader – Department Mascot
Rate:	\$20.96 - \$23.07/hour (depending on experience)
Job Location:	Various locations throughout St. Mary's County
Hours:	Varies: Weekdays, Weekends & Evenings

Supervision:

Supervisor: Program Coordinator

General Statement of Duties:

The Specialized Leader performs as the department mascot, "Sunny" the squirrel. The specialized leader provides a positive role model for the community through interactions with the public. Appearances will include St. Mary's County Commissioner meetings, special events (Cherry Blossom Festival, Easter Egg Festival) and other events as directed.

Essential Responsibilities:

The program supervisor will:

- Wear Sunny costume at public events while demonstrating excitement and bringing energy to the crowd
- Use body language to demonstrate high energy, spirit, and pride
- Bring the Sunny character to life and remain in character
- Represent the department by interacting with the public in a positive manner
- Maintain safety precautions by working with a handler, remaining hydrated and taking breaks as needed
- Care for the costume to ensure it is well-maintained. Report any damage immediately
- Work with the communications coordinator to develop an annual calendar of appearances
- Work with the handler to maneuver through crowds

Job Specifications

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must have the physical characteristics to wear the Sunny costume (height requirements are 5'5" – 5'11")
- Must have physical strength and endurance to perform in a warm, heavy costume for extended periods, often in varied weather conditions
- Previous mascot or cheer experience preferred
- Flexible schedule including evenings, weekends and weekdays required. Commitment to the event schedule and punctuality required. Event schedule will include appearances in March, April and July as well as other dates throughout the year.

Required knowledge and skills:

- Strong non-verbal communication skills required.
- Ability to be flexible in schedule and personal objectives. Highly motivated advocate for St. Mary's County Recreation and Parks

Additional Requirements:

An acceptable general background investigation to include a Federal, local and state criminal history, and a sex offender registry check. Individuals in this position cannot be listed as having a founded child abuse or neglect complaint and must pass a CPS check.

Physical Requirements:

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand; walk; sit; use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms; and talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to climb or balance and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee must fit into the costume and be able to walk for long distances while wearing the costume. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, and ability to adjust focus. Candidates must meet height requirement of 5'5"-5'11" for the costume.

Benefits to working for Recreation and Parks:

- Voluntary benefits include a supplementary retirement savings plan and flexible spending account plans (dependent on working required number of hours) as well as employee assistance program.
- Health and sick leave benefits may be provided for positions working the required total hours.

Work Locations:

TBD

To Apply: Complete the Recreation and Parks application found at www.stmaryscountymd.gov/docs/jobapplication.pdf. Complete application and submit to rpinfo@stmaryscountymd.gov

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