

Personal Care and Service

Amusement and Recreation Attendants

Amusement and Recreation Attendants duties may include setting up games, providing caddy services for golfers, collecting money, and operating amusement park rides. They lead tours and commonly provide information about facilities, entertainment options, and rules and regulations. Amusement and recreation attendants must be able to describe to customers all the activities and attractions of their workplace. They provide maps, directions or information as applicable and answer questions. Their responsibilities sometimes include maintaining and providing equipment to participants of sporting events or operating amusement concessions.

Amusement and recreation attendants may also record details of attendance, sales, receipts, reservations, or repair activities. Safety is a high priority for attendants, so they must ensure that all safety procedures are followed, which includes inspecting equipment, and assisting patrons with safety devices. In amusement parks they are responsible for buckling and checking seat belts as well as helping patrons get on and off the rides.

Work conditions are generally outdoors in all sorts of weather in places such as theme parks, fairs, carnivals or sporting fields. Many jobs in this field are seasonal or part-time. Amusement and recreation attendants in, for example, bowling alleys, clubs and tourist attractions usually work a standard 40 hour week, although their work day may start in the afternoon depending on their workplace's hours of operation. The work can sometimes be physically challenging and operating machinery, such as amusement rides or ski lifts, is often necessary. Long hours are generally spent on foot dealing directly with the public.

Education/Training

How to Obtain:

Some of these positions may require a high school diploma or General Education Development (GED) certificate, but generally little or no prior work experience is required. Training is generally on-the-job, and may involve initially working with a supervisor, renewing manuals or written instructions, or attending a training program.

Average Costs:

Short-term on-the-job training is generally free of cost.