

Busch Gardens Williamsburg

Merchandise & Games
Williamsburg, VA



Company Biography

Are you ready for a season of fun, new experiences, and meeting lots of new people from the USA and all over the world? Busch Gardens Williamsburg offers this to our international students and much, much, more! At Busch Gardens Williamsburg, we offer more than just an ordinary job. Our team members are key to making sure that each and every one of our guests has a unique and memorable visit. BGW is one of the ten SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment theme parks. As one of the largest theme park operators in the world, we take pride in the quality of all of our products. BGW takes the same pride in the quality program we offer to our international students. BGW hires more than 5,000 seasonal team members each year domestically and from all over the world. Join our team and you will have an unforgettable summer! Here are some things you can look forward to:- Work with employees from all over the world!- Affordable housing with FREE employer provided transportation to work.- FREE access to Busch Gardens Williamsburg and Water Country USA on your days off!-Employer organized employee activities, parties and trips.All J1Sea World Entertainment employees must be a minimum of 18 years old

Work and Pay Details

Position title: Merchandise & Games	
Hourly wage: \$8.15	Tips? No
Description of position:	<p>Imagine a work environment where your primary responsibility is to ensure that each guest visiting Busch Gardens is smiling and having a great time. At one of our gift shops or games you can be cheering guests on and encouraging them to play for bigger prizes. At our gift shops you can be talking about gifts and souvenirs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Team members need a positive attitude with LOTS of energy. •Ability to be outgoing and speak aloud. •Team members need to be willing to yell out to guests and be the center of attention. •Team members need to be willing to work outside in the environment, including direct sunlight and heat at times.
Specific qualifications required:	No prior experience necessary - all positions offered are entry level. We are looking for team members with a positive attitude, lots of energy and an ability to make guest and kid-centered decisions. Applicants with flexible schedules increase their chances of obtaining the position of their choice.
Estimated weekly wage (incl. tips): \$280.00	Bonus: None
Conditions of bonus:	
Average hours for last year's students? 45 Hours	Maximum weekly hours allowed: 60 Hours
Minimum average number of hours? 40 Hours	Possibility of getting more than average hours: Good
Students get the most hours in: July, August	Students get the least hours in: May, September
How often are students paid? Every Two Weeks	
Do you pay overtime? No	If yes, after how many hours per week do you pay overtime? Not specified
Does your company only operate weekends before or after specific dates? Yes	
If yes, what are the dates?	
<p>Busch Gardens is only open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays in September and October. Hours will be on weekends only after this time. Students should expect hours to be less in these months. Employment after Sept 1 is not guaranteed.</p> <p>40 hours per week *not guaranteed.* Hours vary each week and are dependent on weather and other circumstances. Some weeks students will work more than 40 hours and some weeks students will work less than 40 hours.</p>	
Position location:	Busch Gardens

Other Job Details

Minimum english level: (5) Upper Intermediate

Other Job Details

Description of working conditions: Working conditions vary according to specific assignment. May require standing, exposure to direct sunlight, and work outdoors in very hot weather.

- Employees will work outdoors and will have exposure to a variety of weather conditions such as rain, cold temperatures, direct sunlight or high heat and humidity.
- Employees are frequently exposed to high places.
- Employees are exposed to moving mechanical parts and vibration.
- The noise level in the work environment is usually loud.
- All workers will perform physical activities that require moving one's whole body, such as lifting, balancing, climbing, and stooping or bending. These activities also require considerable use of the arms and legs.
- Employees will be required to stand for long periods of time.
- Employees will be required to lift, push, pull, or carry objects up to 50 lbs frequently and occasionally lift and/or move more than 100 pounds.
- Staff may be moved between various departments as needed.

Will job duties be different at the beginning of the season? No

If yes, provide details of specific job duties:

Uniform and Grooming Requirements

Are students required to wear a uniform? Yes

If yes, what is the cost of the uniform? Not specified

Are uniform laundry services available? No

If yes, what is the cost of the laundry service? \$0.00

Do students need to purchase specific clothing or footwear? Yes

Details of purchasing required clothing or footwear: May need to purchase black or white shoes depending on job assignment. More information will be provided by employer.

Do you have company grooming requirements? Yes

Details of company grooming requirements? Clean, neat appearance. Limit on number of piercings and no long hair for men. More information will be provided by the employer.

Other Company Details

Company hires couples? Yes

Company hires groups of up to 4? Yes

Drug test required? Yes

Do students complete an additional application upon arrival? Yes

Does your company issue completion certificates? Yes

If requested, will you evaluate the student's performance? Yes

Any additional company details?

Students will be provided with an employment agreement/contract from the employer. This will be distributed during the hiring event. Area web sites of interest: www.williamsburg.com www.colonialwilliamsburg.com www.historyisfun.org www.virginia.org All J1 Sea World Entertainment employees must be a minimum of 18 years old

Training Information

Is job training required? Yes

Length of training: 5 - 40 hours depending on job assignment

Are students paid during training? Yes

Hourly pay rate during training: \$7.80

How many hours per week are students likely to receive during training period? 20

Any other details?

What You Will Learn From Us: How to operate our games and gift shops, how to enhance our guests experience at the park, how to provide World Class Service, and how to work efficiently as part of a team. These skills will benefit almost any career choice.

Worksite Location

Worksite location: Busch Gardens

Nearest major city: Norfolk/Richmond

Worksite setting: Suburban

Nearest major airport: Norfolk (ORF) or Richmond (RIC)

Distance to nearest major airport: 40 miles

Additional worksite setting details: Williamsburg VA is a top tourist destination. Tourists come to visit BGW/WCUSA and explore Colonial Williamsburg. The Historic Area is an interpretation of a Colonial American city during the Revolutionary War period.

Standard Arrival Information

Are students required to arrive or depart on specific dates? Yes

Details of required arrival or departure dates:

Exact arrival dates will be specified in job fairs. All arrivals will be on weekends first day of work will be a Monday. No exceptions.

Standard Arrival Information

Mode of transportation: Public Transportation	Students must arrive between these hours: 24 hours
Cost: varies	
Other details: Students should fly into Dulles International Airport (IAD) in Washington DC. From the airport take a Greyhound Bus or Amtrak Train to Williamsburg, Virginia. Arrivals into NYC or Philadelphia are also possible but necessitate a longer train or bus ride. Once at the station, students can take a local bus (under \$5) or taxi/Uber (under \$10) to the International Housing Village located at 900 Capitol Landing Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Students should coordinate their flights so as to arrive at their housing up to five days prior to their Monday job start date. Do not arrive on your job start date. How do I get from the airport to the IHV? There are 3-4 ways to get to the IHV from the airport. If you arrive in Washington D.C., you can choose between train or bus. If you arrive in New York you can also fly by plane. If you choose a plane from New York, it departs from La Guardia to Newport News and then you can take a taxi to the IHV. The most popular and cheapest way is the bus. For schedules and rates you can check the websites listed below. Train: www.amtrak.com Bus: www.greyhound.com	

After Hours Arrival Information

General information: Not specified	
Name of accommodation: Not necessary - open 24 hours	Accommodation address:
Cost per night: Not Specified	
Best way to travel from airport to overnight accommodation:	

Social Security

Are students required to apply for a social security card prior to arriving at worksite?	No	
Will the company assist students with their social security application?	Yes	
Assistance detail: Students are scheduled and transported to the local SS office. We maintain direct communication with our local SSA.		
Where is the nearest social security office?	Newport News	Distance: 25 miles
How will students be paid until their social security card arrives?	normally	

Housing Details

Is housing provided? Yes	If not, will you assist students in finding housing? N/A
Are there affordable housing options in the area?	N/A
Housing options in the area:	N/A
Local housing resources:	N/A
Housing address: 900 Capitol Landing Road Williamsburg VA 23185	
Is the student required to sign a separate housing contract?	No
Type of housing provided: Dormitory	Number of students to a room: 2-4

Housing Details

Housing details: Our International Housing Village offers dorm-like accommodations in a former motel within walking distance to stores and restaurants. Employee shuttles and public buses are easily accessible.

The International Housing Village (IHV) is the private property of Busch Gardens where students working for BG/WCUSA live during their Work and Travel program.

About 430 students live in the International Housing Village in peak season. Housing is dormitory style, with four persons sharing a room. Each room has individual beds, cable television, refrigerator, bathroom and shower, hot water, heat, air conditioning, free local telephone calls and access to international calls using phone cards. Hi-speed WiFi is available at the IHV. For safety there is IHV security and IHV staff to assist you at most times of the day and evening.

Busch Gardens in Williamsburg is an action packed, European-themed park with 17th century charm and 21st century technology, boasting more than 300 acres of unparalleled fun and adventure for the entire family.

Water Country USA, the mid-Atlantic's largest family water play park, features the world's latest, greatest, state-of-the-art water rides and attractions, spectacular entertainment, shopping and restaurants - all set to a colorful 1950's surf theme.

BG/WCUSA International Work and Travel Program is best suited for students who are independent, open minded, reliable, mature and seeking a cultural experience.

Do you offer co-ed housing?	No
Cost of housing - per week:	77.00
Includes utilities?	Yes
Are housing costs deducted from paycheck?	Yes
Is a housing deposit required?	Yes
Amount of housing deposit:	\$200.00
Instructions for payment of housing deposit:	Via wire transfer prior to arrival. Students must make deposit payment to their agent who will then make the payment via wire transfer. Instructions will be discussed at the Hiring Event and students' agents will have further information.
Housing deposit due date:	
Is deposit refundable?	Yes
Conditions of deposit refund:	Participants must meet ALL terms in the Busch Gardens Job Offer Agreement. Housing must be left in same condition as prior to moving in. Students must stay through the end of their work agreement.
How will deposit be refunded?	\$200.00 USD deposited on VISA pay card (cash is not an option) at the end of work contract.
Are students required to live in provided housing upon arrival?	No
During their work stay, can students find alternate housing?	Yes
If yes, is there a penalty?	Yes

Transportation to/from Worksite

Method of transportation to worksite:	Transportation provided by employer at no cost
Distance to worksite:	10 minutes by employee shuttle bus.
Is worksite within walking distance of housing?	No
Cost of public transportation to worksite:	Not specified
Details of public transportation to worksite:	
Cost of transportation to worksite provided by employer:	Not specified
Details of transportation to worksite arranged by employer:	FREE employee shuttle bus runs from the international housing village, to work and to local shopping.
Cost of arranging own transportation to worksite:	Not specified
Details of arranging own transportation to worksite:	

Housing Amenities

Available public transportation:	Bus, Interstate Bus, Train		
Access to public transportation?	Walking Distance		
On Site Housing Amenities			
Laundry:	Yes	Linens:	Yes
Refrigerator:	Yes	Microwave:	Yes
TV:	Yes	Telephone:	Yes
Computer/Internet Access:	Yes	Utensils:	No
Individual Beds:	Yes		
Nearby Amenities			
Supermarket:	Walking Distance	Restaurants:	Walking Distance

Housing Amenities			
Shopping mall:	In town/accessible	Fitness center:	In town/accessible
Post office:	In town/accessible	Laundry:	Walking Distance
Bank:	Walking Distance	Internet cafe:	Walking Distance
Movie theater:	In town/accessible	Library:	In town/accessible
Additional amenities:	Free bicycle rental, cable television, free wireless access and laundry! Also basketball court, volleyball, swimming pool, billiard table and table tennis!		

Meal Information			
Are meals included in rent cost?	No		
If not, meal plan cost per day:	\$0.00	Meals covered:	Not Specified
Is the purchase of a meal plan mandatory?	No		

Cultural Opportunities			
Types of cultural opportunities provided			
Organized Holiday Event(s):	Yes	Organized Trip(s) to Major Attraction(s):	Yes
Organized Potluck(s) or Dinner(s):	Yes	Organized Trip(s) to Major City:	Yes
Organized Karaoke Night(s):	No	Information about Events:	Yes
Organized Movie Night(s):	Yes	Information about Local Resources:	Yes
Organized Sporting Event(s):	Yes	Information about Attractions/Sites:	Yes
Organized Staff Exchange Event(s) - Other:	No	Information about Local Community:	Yes
Organized Trip(s) to Nearby Attraction(s):	Yes	Other:	Yes
If Other, please describe:	Several cultural opportunities are provided and vary any given year. Each year the employer holds a staff wide party called Team Member Night. The employer also run weekly events open to all employees such as bbqs, picnics, movie nights, etc. There is also a softball league and bowling league open to all staff. The employer organizes bus trips to several points of interest including shopping trips, trips to DC, trips to Virginia Beach and eco-tourism trips into the mountains. Trips are run on average 3-5 times per summer so all interested students have an opportunity to participate.		
Additional details about cultural offerings:			