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**Newport Beach Launches Aquatic Training Academy for Swim Instructor Recruits**  
*Trainee Tryouts Scheduled for March 29 and April 6*

NEWPORT BEACH, Ca. – In a new twist to a traditional hiring process, the city of Newport Beach is hosting tryouts for swim instructor trainees on Saturday, March 29 and Sunday, April 6 at 9 a.m. Tryouts will be held at the Marian Bergeson Aquatics Center, located at Corona Del Mar High School, 2102 Eastbluff Drive, Newport Beach.

Those accepted into the Aquatic Training Academy must complete a four-weekend program that includes the required American Red Cross certification process and water swim instructor or pool lifeguard training. During the training program, participants will earn \$8 per hour. After completing training and being hired by the city, the hourly salary will increase to \$12.51.

With the popularity of summer aquatics programs increasing throughout Orange County, cities must compete for qualified instructors to teach swim lessons and serve as lifeguards. Newport Beach is taking the extra step of providing the training and certification needed to ease the hiring process for applicants and ensure consistency in terms of training standards for its aquatics employees.

Applicants must be 16 years of age by May 1, 2008. Registration forms are available online at [www.city.newport-beach.ca.us/jobs](http://www.city.newport-beach.ca.us/jobs). Completed forms can be submitted on tryout days or in advance at the Newport Coast Community Center, 6401 San Joaquin Hills Road, or at City Hall, 3300 Newport Boulevard. For more information about the training program or tryouts, please contact the city's Recreation and Senior Services Department at 949-270-8100 or go to [www.campnewport.com](http://www.campnewport.com) and select "Aquatics".