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Navy Pier Job Fair Today Expected to Draw 2,500 Job Applicants for Summer Jobs as Navy Pier Celebrates its 100th Anniversary

Navy Pier's first-ever job fair with its hospitality partners seeks workers to fill more than 900 seasonal jobs in restaurants, boats and park attractions including new Ferris wheel

CHICAGO – In preparation for the kickoff of Navy Pier's busy summer season and Centennial Celebration this year, Navy Pier today is holding its first-ever job fair with nearly 30 Pier businesses seeking to hire more than 900 seasonal workers this summer.

Navy Pier and its hospitality partners are seeking to fill temporary positions in anticipation of the historic Navy Pier 100th anniversary celebration that expected to draw millions of visitors to the Pier. Centennial Celebration events include the opening of a new Ferris wheel Memorial Day weekend; the Louis Vuitton America's Cup World Series Chicago June 10-12; Navy Pier's popular Fourth of July celebration and fireworks displays every Wednesday and Saturday nights; and the return of Pepsi® Tall Ships® Chicago July 27-31.

"Navy Pier and its partners are committed to providing an unforgettable experience for guests who visit the Pier this summer," said Marilynn Gardner, President and CEO of Navy Pier, Inc. "As a significant employer in the region, Navy Pier and its partners are seeking job candidates who thrive in a busy, guest-oriented environment and want to be a part of this very special summer for Navy Pier and Chicago."

Navy Pier employers are seeking to fill seasonal jobs at restaurants, bars, retailers, boats, guest services and Navy Pier park attractions, including ride attendants and Ferris wheel operators.

Employers will be at the job fair to accept applications and resumes and speak with job candidates.

The event, to be held 3-8 p.m. today in the Crystal Gardens, is already at full capacity, with the maximum number of people – 2,500 – already registered for the event. Pre-registration was required to attend. However, those who are unable to attend the job fair but wish to apply for employment at Navy Pier can do so online at www.navy Pier.com/employment. Additional participants may attend the job fair if space allows.

Participating employers include: Navy Pier, Inc., the Chicago Children’s Museum, Bike and Roll Chicago, Garrett’s Popcorn, Giordano's, Auntie Anne's Pretzels, Color, Inc., America's Dog, Build-A-Bear Workshop, Amazing Chicago Funhouse Maze, Jimmy Buffett’s Margaritaville, Harry Caray’s Tavern, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., IMAX Theatre, Faces In Focus, Big Bowl Chinese Express, McDonald's, DMK Burger Bar & Fish Bar, Big Bus Tours, Completely Nuts, Chango Loco, Entertainment Cruises, Photogenic, Riva Restaurant, Porkchop, Shoreline Sightseeing, Oh Yes Chicago and Ben & Jerry's.

About Navy Pier

Located on Lake Michigan, Navy Pier is the top-attended leisure destination in the Midwest, stretching more than six city blocks and welcoming more than 8 million guests annually. Originally opened in 1916 as a shipping and recreation facility, this Chicago landmark showcases more than 50 acres of parks, restaurants, attractions, retail shops, sightseeing and dining cruise boats, exposition facilities and more. In 2016, Navy Pier celebrates its 100th anniversary with a series of special events and programming, the grand opening of its new Ferris wheel and ongoing pier-wide redevelopment efforts as part of the Centennial Vision. Navy Pier, Inc., a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization, maintains and oversees Navy Pier and its redevelopment into a bolder, greener and more contemporary urban space. For more information, visit our website at www.navy Pier.com.

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