



Knoebels Amusement Resort - Ride Operator

HOST INFORMATION

Company Description:

Knoebels is America's largest free-admission amusement park offering free parking, free daily entertainment, and free picnic facilities. Famous for roller coasters, families love coming here for the fun rides, the beautiful surroundings, the campground, and golf course. The pool area includes waterslides, diving boards and a play area just for young children. In addition to over 60 rides, award winning food, swimming, games, and gift shops, visitors can add a round of golf at Knoebels Three Ponds Golf Club right next door to the park.

Location! Location! Location! Perfect for exploring on your days off: we are less than 3 hours away from New York City and Philadelphia, 3.5 hours from Washington, DC, 2.5 hours from Baltimore.

Employee Perks:

- **We provide great (very affordable!) housing and FREE transportation to and from Knoebels.**
- **We provide uniform shirts**
- **25% off Food and Rides**
- **Park Swap (go to other Amusement Parks free)**
- **Paycheck stuffers: Ride tickets, food coupons, handstamp passes, pool passes, etc.**
- **Team events throughout the season - Block party, Sunday Sundae, Ride Nights, Arcade Night, Corn Roast Dinner, Team Appreciation Dinner, Boat Regatta.**

Host Website: <https://www.knoebels.com/>

Site of Activity: Knoebels Amusement Resort

Parent Account Name: Knoebels Amusement Resort

Host Address: 391 Knoebels Boulevard , PO Box 317 , Elysburg , Pennsylvania , 17824

Nearest Major City: Harrisburg , Pennsylvania , Over 50 miles away

PLACEMENT INFORMATION

Job Description:

SUMMARY

The primary purpose of a Ride Operator is to ensure the safety of all guests and team members by following standard operating procedures for rides, monitoring behaviors in the ride area to prevent unsafe activities, and by enforcing rider regulations in a positive manner. This is a seasonal position, reporting to the Rides Manager.

Park's operational summer hours are typically Sunday through Tuesday 12pm to 8pm and Wednesday through Saturday 12pm to 9pm. During the parks season, evening and weekend hours are required.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Verify that the daily ride inspection sheet is completed and signed before opening ride**
- **Prepare ride area for opening and closing each day, may include test runs of the ride**
- **Check and enforce all ride height regulations**
- **Collect correct amount of ride tickets from guests and put in canister or check for accurate all-day wristband**

- Follow standard operating procedure for ride to operate ride in a safe manner, including loading and unloading guests
- Closely observe ride and riders to ensure safe operation including checking ride safety restraints
- Report problems to supervisor immediately, such as situations relating to facility operations, patron complaints or concerns, accidents, emergency situations, damages, and potential safety hazards
- Respond appropriately to emergency situations
- Ride operator must remain cell phone free at all times inside ride area

KEY COMPETENCIES

- Candidate should possess strong communication skills, high degree of integrity, positive attitude, attention to detail and the ability to solve problems
- Candidate must have a current valid driver's license
- Position will require candidate to frequent walk, stand, and bend over to check safety restraints
- Position will require the candidate to be working in an outdoor environment around high noise levels
- Candidate should have the ability to learn and apply ticket handling procedures
- Candidate should have the ability to build strong relationships with guests, provide a high level of guest service, and be an effective member of a team
- Excellent organizational skills with attention to detail and accuracy
- Strong customer service skills, both internal and external
- Maintain a positive attitude
- Exceptional communication skills while relating to people in a friendly, professional manner
- Self-motivated; acts without needing directions
- Perform cleaning duties as needed to maintain a clean, safe work environment, including seats, cars/trains, ride platform, and guest line area. This may include sweeping, scrubbing, mopping, polishing, power washing, vacuuming, waxing, and picking up trash.

This job description describes the general nature of the duties and requirements of this job. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list or limit the supervisor's ability to modify work assignments as appropriate.

Typical Schedule:

Knobeels operational summer hours are typically Sunday through Tuesday, 12pm to 8pm and Wednesday through Saturday, 12pm to 9pm.

Seasonal changes to job duties or available hours: Yes

The hours go to weekends only after Labor Day.

Drug Test required: Yes

COMPENSATION

Hourly Wage: \$13.1

Eligible for Tips: No

Estimated weekly wages including tips: \$575

Bonus: Yes

There will be a bonus program for the Students that work until Labor day. We will provide more information prior to hire.

* All figures above are pre-tax

Estimated average number of hours per week: 55

Estimated minimum number of hours per week: 40

Estimated maximum number of hours per week: 70

Potential fluctuation in hours per week:

Average number of hours per week reached by last year's seasonal employees: 50

Overtime Policy:

No, exempt from paying overtime by law

Job-Specific Benefits:

1. 25% off Food and Rides 2. Park Swap (go to other Amusement Parks free) 3. Ride tickets, food coupons, handstamp passes, pool passes, etc. 4. Bonus Potential

JOB REQUIREMENTS

English Level required:**Advanced****Required to be 21+:** No**Previous Experience required:** No**Qualifications & Conditions****Lifting****Lifting requirement:** 50lbs/22kgs**Description:**

Employees will be required to lift, push, pull, or carry objects up to 50lbs. frequently and occasionally lift and/or move more than 100 pounds.

Standing for entire shift

Working outdoors

Working under direct sunlight

Other qualifications or conditions

Description:

– 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. – Amusement park/ Ride attendants may be moved between various departments as needed.

Job Training required: Yes**Length of job training:**

3 hours of orientation followed by on the job training

Hours per week during training period: 40**Different wage during training period:** No**Start on specific day of the week:** No**Training requirements:****Need to wear uniform:** Yes**Uniform Policy:**

We provide two team shirts, a hat or a visor if you choose. If more shirts are preferred, you can purchase more. The Rides department wears tan color, Bermuda length shorts. Students must wear sneakers or non-skid closed toe shoes

Cost of uniform: \$0

Uniform laundry: Participant responsibility

Dress Code: Yes

Description:

Neat, clean and presentable. No facial piercings, unnatural hair color or visible tattoos. Hair must be clean and styled. Personal cleanliness is very important. Maintain good hygiene, preventing unpleasant body odor. Clothing should be clean, pressed and properly fitted. Please remember that you are Ambassadors of your home country and should make every effort to represent your country well.

CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Types of Cultural Opportunities:

Will provide information about Events, Local Resources, Attractions/Sites, Local Community, Company Parties, Holiday Events, Potlucks or Dinners, Movie or Game Nights

Additional Details about Cultural Offerings:

- **Arcade Night:** Play games after close for free!
- **Block Party:** Themed event with food, soft drinks, games and prizes.
- **Ride Night:** Ride certain rides after close with no lines.
- **Team Appreciation Dinner, Sunday Sundae, Corn Roast** - see the flyers (menus and events are subject to change).

Local Cultural Offering:

There are many outdoor activities in the area, from hiking, biking, fishing and camping to visiting the college town of Bloomsburg. Students can also take the bus from Shamokin to New York or Philadelphia, to visit historic sites, museums and art galleries.

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Housing Provided: Yes. Employer Guarantees employer - owned or employer - arranged housing to all hired participants. Required to stay.

Employer-owned or employer-arranged housing description:

Employer has NOT yet secured housing but is working on it!! Housing information below is Not up to date. Once housing is secured, Knoebels will update this information.

Lease Agreement: Yes

Onsite Amenities:

WiFi: No

Description:

Cable/Satellite Television/Internet provided by Tenant

Phone Service: Yes

Description:

Cell phone Service

Kitchen facilities: Yes

Description:

Each housing unit has a kitchen equipped with dishes, pot/pans.

Laundry facilities: Yes

Description:

Laundry Facilities are located in each apartment building

Occupancy Requirements for Provided Housing:

Minimum Occupancy Per Room: 2

Maximum Occupancy Per Room: 2

Suggested Occupancy Per Room: 2

Rooming Arrangement Description:

Housing is co-ed. Roommate requests are permitted.

Provided Housing Cost:

Required to Pay for Provided Housing: Yes

Cost per Week: \$100

Housing Cost Deducted from Paychecks: Yes

Utilities Costs: No

Housing Deposit: Yes

Cost: \$200

Description:

Housing deposit will be deducted from the student's first check and refunded on their last check.

Housing Deposit Refundable: Yes

Conditions for Deposit Refund:

The housing deposit is refundable as long as housing is left in good condition with no broken or damaged items, you work until your agreed upon end date on the job offer form, and you don't have any major program issues.

Details About Deposit Refund:

Final pay period before students depart from the US.

Transportation to Worksite:

Employer-Provided Transportation

Estimated commute time: 15 to 30 minutes

Estimated cost: \$0

Description: Employer transportation is included in the cost of rent. The bus will pick you up every working day at 6 East Main Street (Dollar General) at the rear of the building in the Municipal Parking lot at 10:40am. Please be ready and wait for the school bus at that time.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Arrival Instructions:

****Arrival Information may change based on securement of Housing**

Students should fly to JFK in New York City. From JFK take the Air Tran from inside your terminal to Jamaica Station. Take the E train (the subway) to 42nd Street/8th Avenue. Walk to the NY Port Authority at 625 8th Avenue. Take Bus route to Bloomsburg, PA, www.trailways.com. Office hours for apartment assignments are Monday through Friday between 9am and 3pm and on Saturday between 10am and 4pm.

Please note the following **strict** date requirements for Knoebels:

- Students can only start working on Mondays: **June 8, 2026 or June 15, 2026.**
- If a student needs to adjust their start date due to unforeseen circumstances, they must reach out to their agency and employer immediately to ensure the new start date is approved. All date changes must be approved by Knoebels in writing via email.
- **Knoebels will not accept start dates after the last Monday in June.**

Suggested Arrival Airport:

John F. Kennedy International Airport, JFK, Over 50 miles

Estimated cost of transportation to worksite from suggested airports: \$75 to \$100

If arriving after regular hours:

Suggested After-Hours Accommodation:

Best Western Far Rockaway Inn
10-25 Beach 21st St
Far Rockaway , New York 11691
\$150 to \$200

Best Western Jamaica Inn
8708 Van Wyck Expressway Briarwood
Jamaica , New York 11435
https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.33141.html?iata=00171880&ssob=BLBWI0004G&cid=BLBWI0004G;google:gmb:33141
1-718-291-7500
\$150 to \$200

Radisson Hotel JFK Airport
135-30 140th Street
Jamaica , New York 11436
<https://www.choicehotels.com/new-york/jamaica/radisson-hotels/ny580?mc=llgoxxpx17183222300>
17183222300
More than \$200

TRAINING AND ONBOARDING

Pre-Arrival Onboarding: No

Social Security Number:

Require participants to apply for SSN before arrival at worksite: Yes

Details about how to apply for Social Security Number:

Social security applications will be distributed on first day. Make sure to take all identification with you to your appointment. Appointments are necessary at the Bloomsburg office, located at 700 Market St. Bloomsburg, PA 17815. Phone number- 866-526-9847.

Nearest SSA Office: Bloomsburg , Pennsylvania , Less than 25 miles

Other:

Wage Payment Schedule:

Knoebels pays team members weekly. **Opening a US bank account will expedite weekly wages through direct deposit. No cash payments.

Meal Plan: Not available

Provide Certificates/Performance Evaluations: Yes

Hire in Groups: Yes

Maximum Group Size:

Grooming Requirements:

Neat, clean and presentable. No facial piercings, unnatural hair color or visible tattoos. Hair must be clean and styled. Personal cleanliness is very important. Maintain good hygiene, preventing unpleasant body odor. Clothing should be clean, pressed and properly fitted (knee length shorts, no tight/short shirts). Please remember that you are Ambassadors of your home country and should make every effort to represent your country well.

Second Job Availability: No, unlikely

Applicable Company Policies:

Start dates for 2026 are only: June 8th or June 15th. Please let us know if you cannot come for any reason via hr@knoebels.com Please bring your passport/visa and J-1 form with you on your first day. If for any reason you cannot get your visa in time to work for us, please let us and CIEE know as soon as possible. Tan shorts (longer, no short shorts) or pants are required for uniform. If you don't have any, we sell certain sizes in certain colors at HR. We give two staff shirts; you can buy more for \$7 each. The bus will pick you up every working day at 6 East Main Street (Dollar General) at the rear of the building in the Municipal Parking lot at 10:40am. Please be ready and wait for the school bus at that time.

*Students should expect to have **one day off per week**. Students are required to work in assigned department only. Hours are open until close each day. We require students to work until the end of the season, up to and including Labor Day. Cell phones and smoking are allowed on breaks only.*

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COMMUNITY AMENITIES

Walking Distance from Housing:

Food Market, Post Office, Bank, Restaurants, Internet Cafe

In Town, Requires Transportation:

Food Market, Shopping Mall, Bank, Fitness Center, Public Library