

# Goldfish Swim School Practicum Photo Tour

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- Goldfish Swim School is a company specializing in teaching children from the ages of 6 months up to 12 years old how to swim.
- They have classes for all skill levels and can accommodate kids with learning disabilities as well
- They foster a very welcoming work environment and this job is what made me want to pursue a career working with kids.



# Site



- The site is located at 690 Crosswinds Dr. Canonsburg, PA 15317
- The site consists of a parking lot and a single story building which contains the swimming pool used.

# Duties

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- As a swim coach my job was to teach 8 thirty minute classes every day I go in.
- The lessons can vary depending on the skill level of the swimmer, but they all followed a similar structure.
- This is the deck supervisor (DS) stand where the DS for the shift takes class attendance.
- The DS has the final say when one of the students is being evaluated.
- This is primarily where I spent my floating shifts.







- The first thing I did every day when I walked in was check the front desk to see if I had a class schedule that shift.
- If I didn't have any classes that day then my job was to be an assistant to all the other coaches.
- This involved teaching private lessons to students being evaluated, giving bathroom breaks to the other coaches, or just hopping in to help an especially ill-behaving class.



- After grabbing a schedule I'd change into my swim trunks and rash guard.
- The pre-shift meeting always took place next to the showers by the swimming pool and was usually just a quick 5 minute meeting.
- It's main purpose was to reinforce the teaching method used by Goldfish and to remind the workers about any upcoming safety in-services.



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This is the employee storage area that houses all of our personal elements while clocked in. It's also where all of the lifeguard equipment is stored and maintained.



This storage area is used by the managers and contains extra uniforms for all the employees along with some gift bags and promotional items.



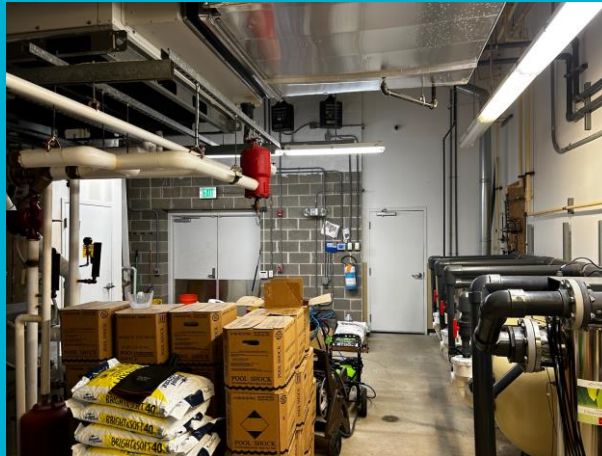
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The break room was usually stocked with snacks and was a nice place to unwind for a few minutes before and after shifts. I would only ever take advantage of it during lifeguard shifts where I had to take a break every hour by state law.

The break room leads directly into the storage area that contains the water testing facilities. I never had too much reason to go back there, but the managers and shift supervisors would use the equipment to test the pH and chlorine levels of the pool before and after every shift.



The storage area leads directly into the server room shown above where all of the electrical equipment is maintained, but I would mostly use it as an alternative entrance to the break room from the lobby.





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On Monday and Wednesday evening shifts, there was a special class called Swim Force for the more advanced swimmers that ran for an hour after normal classes ended.

The class was essentially a mock swim team practice and gave the students a taste of what it's like to be part of a swim team.



This is the viewing area for the parents. Most parents chose to stay and watch the lessons, but some chose to go back out to their cars. Most of the kids loved to show off to their parents whenever they knew their parents were watching, but it could be a double-edged sword if the child was nervous about the lesson. I've had a few kids who would spend the entire lesson crying and begging for their parents to come get them, and whenever they saw their parents watching them would only start crying even louder.

The drying station is located next to the bathrooms and contains a few hair dryers and mirrors for the parents or kids to use.

