

The Valley Area Swim Team (VAST) Gators of Harrisonburg, located in Harrisonburg, VA, is seeking applicants for Lead Age Group Coach. Harrisonburg is in North Western Virginia between Winchester and Charlottesville, just two hours from Washington DC and minutes to the Shenandoah Mountains.

Harrisonburg Gators is a satellite team of the Virginia Gators, and we are a Board run team that was started in the 1970's and has experienced growth every year since. The team currently has 100+ swimmers ranging from novice to Junior National level qualifiers. We are ready to continue to the next level. Our expectations are that Harrisonburg GATR will continue to grow, and this position will grow alongside the team. For this to happen, the first step is to hire a dedicated full time coach. The Lead Age Group Coach will be in charge of the age group program, coaching 2-3 training groups. The position will be 15-25 hours on deck per week with practices being held Monday through Friday evenings, and possibly Sunday afternoon and some weekday morning as well. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Overseeing and directing the other coaches and their training groups
- Season planning
- Attending staff meetings
- Attending meets if required

The applicant must have experience coaching swimmers 14 and younger, display a strong knowledge of excellent stroke technique, and have prepared swimmers for the senior level. We are looking for an energetic coach who is active on the deck, enthusiastic about the opportunity, and possesses good communication skills. Our ideal candidate will possess high ethical and moral standards and will be as interested in our members' character development as they are in their development as swimmers. We are looking for a coach who has a passion to coach and mentor our swimmers!

Candidates should have experience with Team Unify, Team Manager, and Microsoft Office. It is preferred candidates have at least 3 years competitive coaching experience. In addition, he/she must have all USA Swimming Certifications including a Background Check, Athlete Protection Training, Safety Training and CPR, and be in good standing with USA Swimming and their LSC.

We will continue to accept resumes until we find the right coach. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Please send a resume, cover letter, 3 references, and salary requests to Head Coach Steven Phillips ([swimvast@gmail.com](mailto:swimvast@gmail.com)).