

Kitchen Assistant Job Description

General Statement of Responsibilities:

Works as a team member with the head cook and other kitchen assistants in the daily preparation of guest meals. Assists the head cook in all aspects of meal preparation, service, dishwashing, and clean-up. Also expected to support by presence and participation in all-around aspects of camp ministry.

Responsible to:

Food Service Director

Helpful Pre-Requisites:

- Valid driver's license
- Heart to serve behind the scenes

Specific Responsibilities:

The kitchen assistant may be taught to:

- 1. Operate kitchen equipment-slicer, chopper, ovens, dishwasher (some equipment restricted to staff ages 18+)
- 2. Read, understand, and follow recipes
- 3. Adjust recipes so that appropriate amounts of food are prepared and waste is minimized
- 4. Understand general principles of food preparation

Duties Include:

- Prepare meats, vegetables, salads, sauces, gravies, and baked goods
- Set tables, fill water pitchers/jugs, serving food to guests, washing dishes, cleaning tasks
- Proper storage & labeling of leftovers
- Handling food and equipment in a safe and sanitary manner.
- Maintaining a neat appearance and practicing good personal hygiene.
- Praying for guests/campers on a daily basis
- Relating to guests in a polite, engaging, positive, and Christ-like manner
- Performing other tasks as assigned by Head Cooks.
- Regularly assigned a week at a time to sleep in a cabin/shelter overnight as a helper to counselor (though not necessarily every week). Stay in Staff Housing on weekends.

Job Hazards: Exposed to heat, humidity, steam, cooking aromas, refrigerator and freezer temperatures, and cleaning odors. Possible job related injuries include serious cuts from knives or power equipment, burns from cooking equipment, and strains, sprains, or falls. Work is performed while standing. Frequently exerts considerable physical effort in moving, or lifting of supplies and hot food items.

Qualifications for All Staff:

- A professing and active Christian faith, including regular quiet times of Scripture reading and application, prayer, worship, and fellowship
- Spiritual and emotional maturity, personal integrity and honesty
- Desire to be a Christ-like role model for campers, guests, and fellow staff, and possess a genuine love for and desire to serve others
- Willingness and flexibility to cheerfully perform tasks and duties beyond those typically assigned
- Physical stamina and ability to daily perform duties assigned
- Understanding of and support for Camp policies, mission, and summer program goals