



Kitchen Assistant

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Full, Part-time, and occasional on call positions available

The Ecology School is an organization that transforms how people think about science, food, the environment, and themselves through joyful, hands-on learning for all ages. Located at River Bend Farm in Saco, Maine, The Ecology School provides a variety of programming including conferences, workshops, camps, and school programs.

We are seeking multiple individuals to join our Culinary team. We are a scratch kitchen, that utilizes our own farm fresh produce, and local products when available and when budgets allow. A successful candidate is someone ready to invest their time and energy into making our community, meals, and the culinary experiences of our visiting schools and participants the best that they can be. The Kitchen Assistant position is a great position for individuals with or without experience in cooking for large groups in a catering or institutional setting.

Job Description: The Kitchen Assistant position will work with and under the guidance of the Operations Manager / Chef and the cooks on duty. The Kitchen Assistant will assist the team in preparing wholesome and appealing Family style or buffet meals from scratch, practicing proper food safety techniques in handling, organization, storage and maintain of supplies, and the overall cleanliness of the kitchen and Dining Commons for between 10 and 150 people.

Compensation

The Kitchen Assistant position is a non-exempt position and will receive an hourly wage plus approved overtime. The kitchen Assistant Salary range is \$13.50 – \$18.00 per hour dependent upon experience. Earned paid time off is accrued.

Responsibilities

- Prepare tasty meals using various culinary techniques including slicing and cutting vegetables, fruits, and proteins, using knives and mechanical cutters.
- Read and follow recipes in preparation of salads, soups, and baked goods.
- Assist the cooks in service and cleanup of meals
- Maintain kitchen cleanliness throughout the shift, cleanup after meals and properly label leftovers.
- Wash dishware, service ware, pots, and pans, using hand and mechanical methods
- Clean and maintain ovens, grills, kettles, and combi ovens as needed
- Launder towel and aprons
- Clean the dining commons and kitchen

Valued Qualifications

- No experience necessary, willingness to learn
- Maintain a positive attitude under pressure and motivate others
- Ability to work a varied schedule

Work Environment & Physical demands

- This position can be physically demanding and require the ability to lift safely up to 60 lbs.
- Be active in hot environment for extended periods.
- Must be able to safely use kitchen equipment, including knives, stoves, food processors, mixers, dish washers.
- Maintain physical mobility and endurance to perform task while standing/walking for long periods of time

To apply: Please submit a cover letter and current resume including 3 work references to DonnaLee Sherburne

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We hope to fill the position quickly – please submit application materials at your earliest convenience.

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