Vegetarian Cook for a Community Retreat Center

Resting on 380 mountaintop acres, Mount Madonna Center is a place for reflection, learning and developing deeper connections to earth, self and others. Visit our website for additional information: www.mountmadonna.org

Job Summary

If you are an enthusiastic cook, with experience in a professional kitchen, and are excited about creating delicious vegan/vegetarian cuisine, Mount Madonna Center (MMC) would be delighted to hear from you. We are currently rebuilding our staff and reopening to groups and retreats, after being closed to the public since March 2020. Our kitchen and retreat operations are moving through a phased reopening, so the pace of work in the MMC kitchen would be gradually increasing. The position will eventually be fast-paced, and you would be working in a beautiful, spacious kitchen with supportive staff in a collaborative work environment.

We are seeking someone who can plan and cook healthy food, while working as part of a team and directing other prep staff to produce quality meals.

Job Responsibilities

- Cooking for 40-50 residents. This number will significantly increase as the Center reopens to more guests over the next few months.
- Following and enhancing recipes, and developing recipes for new menu items
- Complying with safety and cleanliness standards, and the changing protocols around COVID.

Required Skills and Qualifications

- The ability to communicate in a clear, efficient manner is critical.
- Experience cooking 3 meals/day for a minimum of 100 guests.
- Skilled in planning and executing various types of nutritious vegan/vegetarian meals, as well as have knowledge of various types of cuisines and dietary needs.
- Skilled in bread making and desserts preferred.
- Comfortable with commercial kitchen equipment.
- Food safety certificate or training required.
- Basic computer skills essential.
- Good time management is a must.
- Personal qualities: responsible, honest, empathetic team worker working harmoniously with others.

- Interest in self-development.

- Respectful of MMC values and Code of Conduct.

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**Job Type**
Part-time 28 hours/week.

**Compensation**
$16-17/hour

This position offers the opportunity to reside in a yoga community in beautiful natural surroundings.

**Residential Position Available**
We prefer to hire a residential staff member, but are accepting all applications. Those interested in joining our multigenerational residential community of practice would be open to living in an intentional yoga community, engaging with others in a positive way, and keeping a clean and sober environment (no drugs or alcohol on the property). The community asks everyone to abide by the vegetarian guidelines while on the property. More details about the residential agreements will be provided during the interview.

**Benefits**
This position offers 2 weeks of paid vacation, 1 week of sick leave, access to yoga classes and mentorship from elders. Many people experience healing from the pristine campus overlooking Monterey Bay and nestled in the redwood forests, with hiking trails, ponds, and a multitude of wildlife.

*Thank you for your interest! Please send your resume and cover letter to work@mountmadonna.org.*