



Youth Volunteer Stream Description - Cookhouse & Kitchen Help

The Cookhouse & Kitchen Help Stream is key to making sure all our visitors and volunteers are well fed. The Cookhouse is the heart of the Village and an important part of the welcome extended to the local community and visitors from further afar.

What's involved?

This volunteer stream includes youth volunteer roles and tasks such as:

- **Baking**
- **Bussing Tables**
- **Counter Service and / or Table Service**
- **Kitchen prep and support**
- **Peeling vegetables**
- **Setting tables**

Time commitment:

- As and when needed, May to November, generally for special events and functions. However, “peelers” meet weekly during the summer.

Age Range

There are roles in this volunteer stream to suit young people of various ages. Baking and setting tables can be good roles for those under 12 while counter/table service, bussing tables, and kitchen prep including peeling may be more suitable for those 12+. We always approach age in relation to a particular role on a case by case basis.

Why get involved?

By getting involved with this volunteer stream you will:

- Join a friendly, enthusiastic, and supportive team of volunteers
- Meet other young people from the local area
- Receive training and develop skills related to your role(s). Training will mostly be on-the-job
- Have opportunities to take part in mentorship and knowledge transfer programs
- Develop valuable experience for your resume
- Earn hours towards school/group community service requirements
- Make a meaningful contribution to the local community
- Get to see behind the scenes at a heritage attraction
- Have the opportunity to learn about the history of the Eastern Shore if interested

Skills, Experience & Interest

Most skills required can be easily learned.

- Enjoy welcoming, meeting, and talking to people of all ages and backgrounds (particularly important for serving roles)
- Sense of responsibility in representing the Heritage Village and appreciation of the importance of excellent customer service
- Interest in and/or experience of cooking and baking (for roles such as Kitchen Prep & Support)
- Commitment to following all health and safety/food safety policies and procedures
- Ability to follow instructions closely
- Many roles in this volunteer stream require standing for longer periods and/or being in a busy and hectic environment. Please let us know if you have any concerns about this, and we will do our best to support you
- Some roles may require a food handling and safety training course (if required this will be included as part of volunteer training)

Recognition

As a thank you for their time and effort, youth volunteers receive the following:

- Free Cookhouse meal on volunteering days (Jun-Sept, and during special event / designated volunteer days)
- Invitation to Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - and you can bring a friend!
- For 10+ volunteer hours in a year, a free Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society membership which includes:
 - Free admission to Memory Lane Heritage Village (including most special event days)
 - Ability to vote at all meetings of the Society (for those 14+)
 - 10% off Cookhouse Chow, Special Event Meals, and Heritage Dinners
 - Discounted pricing on many evening events and Heritage Village branded merchandise
- Youth Socials 1-2 times per year (usually at beginning and end of summer season) - pizza parties, ice cream socials, games nights etc.
- Youth Volunteer Awards, including certificates and small prizes