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CHEF

Overview of the Role

As the Chef you will be responsible for Station cooking and catering, food and kitchen hygiene, maintaining accurate records of all foodstuffs and consumables, stock control and for assisting with the re-ordering of foodstuffs and consumables for the succeeding expedition. Additionally, the Chef assigned to Casey station will be required to be available to relieve the Wilkins Aerodrome Camp Support Officer (ACSO) at times throughout the flying season. Duties whilst at Wilkins Aerodrome can be found under the job description for the ACSO on the Australian Antarctic Division website.

What will you actually do on the job?

You will:

- provide a nutritious and varied diet for expeditioners from Monday to Saturday inclusive (Chefs are rostered off on Sundays during winter months).
- satisfy varied dietary requirements, eg. Vegetarian, vegan and common food intolerances
- maintain the kitchen and utensils in a safe, operational and hygienic condition.
- manage food and consumable stocks, ensuring suitable storage.
- supervise and train the rostered kitchen staff.
- promote a convivial and sociable working and dining environment.
- managing food stocks at field huts and depots and assisting expeditioners preparing field rations.
- whilst at the station you will be responsible for conducting accurate stock takes and providing this information to the chef's adviser to assist with the reordering of food supplies for the following year.
- participate in community support training courses, such as firefighting, nursing/anaesthetics, boating, hydroponics, first aid, and attend field training.
- prepare monthly, resupply and annual reports.

You are required to maintain a personal and practical commitment to the AAD WHS and Environmental Policies. The safety and environmental roles and responsibilities relevant to your position will be communicated to you by your supervisor.

As well as these specific job roles you will also be required to, in common with all other expeditioners, perform duties rostered by the Station Leader to support the community life of the expedition, such as general kitchen duties, garbage clearance, water duties, and there will be opportunities to assist other expedition members with official programs that may include supporting scientific research, aviation operations, field camps or undertaking over-land traverses to outlying regions.

As this role may require you to be involved in a Safety Sensitive Aviation Activity, a condition of employment is that you may be required to participate in drug and alcohol screening of urine and/or saliva samples.

Required Skills, Knowledge and Attributes

You will demonstrate capability in the following:

- Catering for a range of dietary requirements; vegetarian/vegan, intolerances etc
- Bakery/pastry skills
- Seafood
- Buffet/banquet/special function/larder
- Bain marie service
- Ethnic/regional/theme cooking
- Cakes/sweets
- A firm nutrition and dietary understanding
- Stock control, computer (spreadsheet) experience
- Menu planning and compilation
- Remote area or camp catering
- Supervise skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled personnel in the kitchen
- Create a convivial social and working environment
- Field or camp related experience or other skills of use in an isolated Antarctic community would be an advantage.

Qualifications & Licences

- You will have completed an indentured apprenticeship and have wide experience in the trade.
- You will hold a current, "C" class (manual) Australian driver's license.
- You will have a current statement of attainment in the following units of first aid - Apply First Aid (HLTFA301B) and Perform CPR (HLTCPR201A).

Personal Qualities Requirements

As a member of a small community there are also personal attribute requirements which the Australian Antarctic Division assesses very closely. You will need to meet the personal qualities criteria listed below.

To be successful you will:

- demonstrate a strong work ethic.
- demonstrate that you can make a positive contribution to the community and team.
- demonstrate that you respond to authority and are compliant with the law, legislative requirements and AAD policies and procedures.
- demonstrate a commitment to Australian Antarctic program specific requirements.

Medical, Psychological and Security Screening

If you are assessed as meeting the above job related and personal quality requirements, you will be required to undergo medical, psychological and security screening. Meeting and maintaining suitability in relation to these requirements is mandatory.

- The AAD's Polar Medicine Unit will determine your medical fitness for duty in Antarctica following tests conducted on our behalf by a nominated medical practitioner. This may include comprehensive drug screening for compliance to undertake Safety Sensitive Aviation Activities (SSAA).
- Psychological assessments are conducted on our behalf by a nominated professional provider.
- A security check in the form of a police records check.