Cooking Class Assistant Volunteer Job Description

Calling All Food Enthusiasts! As a Cooking Class Assistant, you have a great opportunity to not only meet and learn from some of the finest chefs and culinary instructors in the Twin Cities area, but also gain practical experience and experience excellent food.

Duties:

- Assist with food preparation prior to class, such as washing produce, chopping, etc; getting appropriate ingredients out and within reach for chef’s demo.
- Set tables, this includes linens, wine and water glasses, silverware, plates, centerpiece, filled pitchers of ice-water.
- Before class, make sure dishwashers are empty and ready for reloading at end of class.
- Wipe down tables and chairs before each class.
- Set up coffee, water, tea. Get out the cd player or iPod dock.
- Closely observe class instruction, assisting the chef instructor when needed.
- Replenish water, coffee, tea as needed. Assist in plating and serving dishes.
- Assist in clean-up during and after class.
- Other miscellaneous duties as assigned by the Cooking Program Coordinator - very rare but y’know, stuff happens… go to the store for a missing ingredient or make some extra copies of recipes.

Requirements:

- Be comfortable in an active kitchen. Familiarize your self with the kitchen set up and correct operation of appliances. Staff or experienced volunteer will show you. Cabinets and drawers are labeled so that’s nice!
- Be professional and quiet (as much as possible) when working behind the chef. If assisting chef or dish washing is not needed at the time, stand to the side or the back and observe.
- Long hair should be pulled back.
- Register with Volunteer Coordinator and record your volunteer hours.
- Assistants arrive approximately 90 - 120 minutes before class. Commit to 1 shift every 2 months; approximately 5 hours each. Time flies and its deliciously fun!

Benefits:

- Great opportunity to meet and learn from some of the finest chefs and culinary instructors in the Twin Cities area, and also gain practical experience and experience excellent food.
- Choose your own work schedule based on your availability; classes are held primarily on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.
- Accrue volunteer hours quickly which translate into benefits such as a $20 gift certificate to the Arboretum Gift Shop.
- Experience the class!
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