



WORK & TRAVEL USA

Oak Mountain - kitchen crew

HOST INFORMATION

Company Description:

Oak Mountain is a family owned and operated ski area located in Speculator, New York, in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains. When you work here, you become part of the Oak Mountain family! Our mountain operates as a restaurant and a wedding venue during the spring, summer, and fall. During these seasons, our restaurant, the Acorn Pub & Eatery, is open every weekend from Thursday to Saturday. Many weekends we will also host a wedding, closing our restaurant that evening to entirely focus on the wedding party. J-1 participants will work alongside our kitchen staff to operate our kitchen for both the restaurant and weddings. From spring to fall, Oak Mountain also offers mountain bike trails on-site (that we maintain and operate), as well as occasional events throughout the summer/fall season.

The town of Speculator is a small, rural mountain town settled along Lake Pleasant. Though small, each summer many tourists visit and vacation here enjoying a large variety of outdoor activities. Some of these include hiking, biking, swimming, camping, boating, fishing, etc. It is a popular vacation destination in the area. Students can access many of these activities on their days off and our biggest recommendation is to spend lots of time outside - its beautiful!

Our on-site housing is furnished with a kitchen and WiFi. Housing is an easy walk to the center of town where there is a grocery store, post office, bank, laundromat and more!

Host Website: <https://oakmountainski.com/>

Site of Activity: Oak Mountain

Parent Account Name: Oak Mountain

Host Address: 141 Novosel Way Speculator , New York , 12164

Nearest Major City: Albany , New York , Over 50 miles away

PLACEMENT INFORMATION

Job Description:

As part of the Kitchen Crew, there are a range of roles including line cooks, prep cooks and dishwashers. Our Head Chef will place participants in these roles, at their discretion. Please note: past kitchen experience typically plays a role in these placements. Participants may remain in their assigned positions throughout the season or may be rotated as needed. Position assignments will be based on whatever works best overall for the kitchen team. It is a fast-paced kitchen environment servicing our restaurant as well as weddings and special events.

Typical Schedule:

Our restaurant operates Thursday-Saturday. Shifts are subject to change. Current shifts range from the following: Wednesday 9am - 3pm Thursday 10am - 9pm Friday 10am - 9pm Saturday 9am - 10pm

Seasonal changes to job duties or available hours: Yes

Some shifts may end later in the evening due to weddings.

Drug Test required: No

COMPENSATION

Hourly Wage: \$15

Eligible for Tips: No

Estimated weekly wages including tips: \$540

Bonus: No

** All figures above are pre-tax*

Estimated average number of hours per week: 36

Estimated minimum number of hours per week: 40

Estimated maximum number of hours per week: 55

Potential fluctuation in hours per week:

Hours may fluctuate due to longer weddings or if extra restaurant prep is needed.

Average number of hours per week reached by last year's seasonal employees: 36

Overtime Policy:

Yes, paid after 40 hours

Job-Specific Benefits:

We provide a meal during participant kitchen shifts as well as employee discounts on merchandise for sale.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

English Level required:



Intermediate

Required to be 21+: Yes

Previous Experience required: No

Qualifications & Conditions

Lifting

Lifting requirement: 25lbs/11kgs

Description:

There may be boxes or other kitchen equipment that need to be moved while working.

Standing for entire shift

Handling cleaning chemicals

Need to wear uniform: No

Dress Code: Yes

Description:

Please wear closed toe shoes while at work shifts.

CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Types of Cultural Opportunities:

Company Parties, Potlucks or Dinners, Will provide information about Events, Local Resources, Attractions/Sites, Local Community, Holiday Events, Trips to Nearby/Major Attractions

Additional Details about Cultural Offerings:

There are many local events throughout summer/fall. Participants can attend live music, farmers markets, and seasonal festivals. We also encourage joining Oak's parade float in the July 4th Parade. There are many local outdoor activities that highlight the unique culture of the Adirondack Mountains.

Local Cultural Offering:

The Speculator Chamber of Commerce has an ongoing list of local activities throughout the year. During the summer, a few weekly events include free live music as well as farmer's markets and craft fairs.

<https://www.speculatorchamber.com/>

<https://www.instagram.com/speculatorchamber/>

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Housing Provided: Yes. Employer Guarantees employer - owned or employer - arranged housing to all hired participants. Required to stay.

Employer-owned or employer-arranged housing description:

For housing, Oak Mountain offers employee cabins on-site. Cabins are 2 bedrooms with up to 4 people in a cabin. Cabins also include a kitchen as well as a small living area, along with Wifi. Coin laundry is available off-site and bedding is provided.

Lease Agreement: Yes

Onsite Amenities:

WiFi: Yes

Description:

High speed fiber

Phone Service: Yes

Description:

Cell coverage is great in town and at Oak Mountain. Please note there is limited to no cell service in several surroundings areas outside of town and throughout the Adirondack park.

Kitchen facilities: Yes

Description:

A full kitchen is available in each cabin.

Laundry facilities: No

Description:

Coin laundry units (washers and dryers) are available nearby at the town Laundromat, Sparkle.

Occupancy Requirements for Provided Housing:

Minimum Occupancy Per Room: 1

Maximum Occupancy Per Room: 3

Suggested Occupancy Per Room: 1 - 3

Rooming Arrangement Description:

Each cabin houses up to four people. Students can organize rooming arrangements upon arrival, unless otherwise specified. Cabins will likely be co-ed, but will depend on how rooming arrangements are organized. Please email us ahead of time, if you have any questions or concerns.

Provided Housing Cost:

Required to Pay for Provided Housing: Yes

Cost per Week: \$100

Housing Cost Deducted from Paychecks: No

Description:

The housing cost of \$100/week will be due every Friday in our office

Utilities Costs: No

Housing Deposit: Yes

Cost: \$200

Description:

The housing deposit will be deducted from first two paychecks. \$100 will be deducted from each of the first two paychecks, totaling the full deposit amount of \$200.

Housing Deposit Refundable: Yes

Conditions for Deposit Refund:

The deposit will be refunded as long as the housing is left in good condition and is completely cleaned by departure, as decided on by Oak Mountain. The deposit is also contingent on students working through the end of their contract departure date with Oak Mountain.

Details About Deposit Refund:

The deposit will be refunded via direct deposit. It will be a separate check from typical pay, prior to students leaving.

Transportation to Worksite:

Walking Commute Time

Estimated commute time: Under 15 minutes

Description: The cabins are located on-site at Oak Mountain, walking distance from our restaurant kitchen as well as all lifts and lodges.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Arrival Instructions:

The best way to get to Oak Mountain is for all participants to arrive in Albany, NY. We recommend participants fly into JFK airport and stay in New York City (NYC) for the night. Then you can take the Amtrak train from Penn Station in NYC to the Albany train station, where a staff member will meet you and drive you to Oak Mountain. Depending on flight availability and your budget, you can also fly directly into Albany airport (instead of JFK airport) and a staff member could pick you up there as well. This option is more direct, but Albany Airport can be more expensive than flying to JFK and taking a train to Albany. You can consider what option works best for you!

*Travel time from Albany to Oak Mountain takes approximately 2 hours. **Please plan to arrive in Albany between Monday-Wednesday within the hours of 9am-5pm (EST).** Please also plan to depart at the end of the season during the same hours and days of the week. Once your arrival plans are finalized, please email your travel details to us as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly for our staff to pick you up and coordinate with other J1 participants arriving the same day.*

Below is the Amtrak train reservation website, as well as the official names of each train station to travel to and from (if you fly into NYC and take the train to Albany). We recommend buying a train ticket as soon as your flight is finalized. It is much cheaper to buy train tickets in advance (tickets range from \$35 to \$75+ one way).

<https://www.amtrak.com/empire-service-train>

FROM: New York, NY - Moynihan Train Hall (NYP)

TO: Albany-Rensselaer, NY (ALB)

Transportation for the Social Security office will also be provided by Oak Mountain. A staff member will drive you to the local office, approximately one hour away from the mountain. All other necessary businesses including a grocery store, bank, laundromat, and post office are within walking distance from our provided housing.

Suggested Arrival Airport:

JFK, JFK, Over 50 miles

Albany, ALB, Over 50 miles

Estimated cost of transportation to worksite from suggested airports: \$50 to \$75

If arriving after regular hours:

Suggested After-Hours Accommodation:

Fairfield Inn by Marriott New York JFK Airport

156-08 Rockaway Blvd

Queens , New York 11434

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/ispjj-fairfield-inn-new-york-jfk-airport/overview/>

(718) 977-3300

\$150 to \$200

Tru by Hilton Albany Airport

798 Albany Shaker Road

Albany , New York 12211

[https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/albatru-tru-albany-airport/?SEO_id=GMB-AMER-RU-](https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/albatru-tru-albany-airport/?SEO_id=GMB-AMER-RU-ALBATRU&y_source=1_MTQ5Mjk4NDctNzE1LWxvY2F0aW9uLndIYnNpdGU%3D&sa=X&ved=2ahUKewjctO29kKCAxU1R6sCHTnbBq8QyK4DegUIAxDLBw)

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(518) 801-0600

\$100 to \$150

TRAINING AND ONBOARDING

Pre-Arrival Onboarding: Yes

Participants will need to complete a brief Google form via email, prior to arrival. The Google form covers arrival logistics and other contact information.

Social Security Number:

Require participants to apply for SSN before arrival at worksite: No

Details about how to apply for Social Security Number:

We provide transportation as well as assistance for the Social Security office. We help you fill out the application online as well as meet with the social security staff, when they review your application and documents. Please be prepared to bring your passport and any other documents needed as specified by CIEE and the Social Security Administration.

Nearest SSA Office: Gloversville , New York , Less than 50 miles

Other:

Wage Payment Schedule:

Participants will receive pay weekly through direct deposit. Participants can set up a local bank account with NBT Bank in Speculator, which is walking distance from student housing. This allows students to locally withdraw cash, as needed.

Meal Plan: Not available

Provide Certificates/Performance Evaluations: Yes

Hire in Groups: Yes

Maximum Group Size:

Grooming Requirements:

We ask that all students practice good hygiene.

Second Job Availability: Yes, likely

Applicable Company Policies:

- No smoking allowed in the housing. There are smoking areas at the mountain.
- Cell phones can be used only during breaks while at work.
- When working in the kitchen, you can expect a fast-paced kitchen environment servicing the restaurant as well as weddings and special events. Please wear closed toe shoes in the kitchen.
- During the summer, second jobs are potentially available. Please remember that if you consider a second job, Oak Mountain must always be your top priority, specifically regarding scheduling. If you are needed at Oak Mountain, you will have to coordinate all scheduling around Oak first before committing to shifts at a second job.

COMMUNITY AMENITIES

Walking Distance from Worksite:

Food Market, Post Office, Bank, Restaurants, Internet Cafe, Public Library, Gift Shop

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Unavailable:

Shopping Mall, Fitness Center