Soup Cook

Job Description:

The **Soup Cook** is the cook of the kitchen who prepares soups, stocks, and broths for an establishment. The soup cook may often include the duties of the sauce chef. Often they need to prepare large volumes of soups, stocks, and broths because of the volume of patrons. Such a position may be in a large hotel, cruise ship, or cafeteria.

Job Responsibilities:

* Sets up the soup station.
* Preps ingredients for soups and stocks.
* Works with butcher, roaster, and other meat chefs to procure bones and scraps for making stocks.
* Set-up and see that soup station is ready to serve fifteen (15) minutes prior to dinner service.
* Create soups and consume recipes in collaboration with the executive chef
* Make stocks and broths needed by other chefs for their recipes
* Make sure that all food is of the highest possible quality before leaving the window.
* Overseeing see that all food prepared is of consistently high quality and that portions are consistently controlled. Food tickets are complete and out in a timely manner.
* Covers, dates and neatly stores all meats, poultry, seafood and other food items.
* Cleans and sanitizes the sauté station.
* Sets up, maintains and breaks down prep station.
* Notifies Head Cook in advance of all expected shortages.
* Ensures that work station and equipment are clean and sanitary.
* Adheres to state and local health and safety regulations.
* Maintains neat professional appearance and observes personal cleanliness rules at all times.
* Maintains safety and security in work station.
* Assists with other duties as instructed by the Head Cook and Executive Head Chef.
* Inform supervisor of any items that were unfinished before service.
* Properly store all food, which must be covered, dated and rotated on a daily basis to ensure proper portion control and quality.
* Follow all safety procedures for operating and cleaning all machinery at all times.
* Check in with Head Cook at the beginning of shift for instructions.
* Keep par stocks at proper levels. Increase or decrease production as necessary.
* Inform management of any problems concerning food quality or production control.
* Follow “Clean as you work” policy; responsible for sanitation and cleanliness of station at all times.
* Maintain high standards of quality and appearance for all food prepared and served.
* Wear clean uniform at all times.
* Attend all kitchen employee meetings.
* At the end of the shift, clean entire station, including reach-ins, shelves and steam table.
* Return all unused food to walk-in onto proper shelf
* Check-out with Head Cook at end of shift
* Keep walk-in clean and organized at all times.
* Clean any kitchen equipment used immediately following its use.
* Must be able to work weekends and holidays as well as overtime.
* Perform other duties as assigned.

Job Qualifications:

* Associates in culinary arts or diploma from accredited culinary institute required
* Bachelors in culinary arts or related field preferred
* Experience as a soup chef

Opportunities as a soup cook are available for applicants without experience in which more than one soup cook is needed in an area such that an experienced soup cook will be present to mentor.

Job Skills Required:

* Working knowledge of the fundamentals of cooking.
* Working knowledge of knives and knife skills.
* Working knowledge of kitchen equipment
* Ability to cook
* Knowledge of industry standards and regulations
* Knowledge of health department regulations
* Ability to multitask
* Good communication skills
* Able to work calmly under high pressure
* Team Player
* Ability to spot and resolve problems efficiently
* Keep up with cooking trends and best practices
* Working knowledge of various restaurant software programs
* Pleasant, polite manner and a neat and clean appearance.
* Able to work in a fast-paced environment
* Able to multitask, prioritize, and manage time efficiently
* Physical endurance to stand for an entire shift
* Self-motivated and self-directed
* Works well as part of a team and on individual tasks
* Able to quickly memorize complex or multiple orders