

Voc Ed Bakery

Description of Jobsite: The Voc Ed Bakery provides a much appreciated service to staff and campers at camp, as staff can place orders for delectable baked goods for birthdays, staff meetings, and other special events. Available baked goods include, but are not limited to, a variety of types of cookies, fruit tarts, banana chocolate chip cake, fruit kabobs, rice crispy treats, birthday cake and challah for Shabbat. During summer 2014, over 110 orders were placed at the Voc Ed Bakery. Run out of the kitchen of the Voc Ed building, the bakery provides Voc Eders with the opportunity to develop and hone real-life, transferable skills in baking, cleaning, organization, and administration.

Overview of Job Responsibilities: Read, record, and sort order forms; keep track of incoming and outgoing orders, and when they should be baked for maximum freshness; read and follow multistep recipes; mixing, cutting, scooping, measuring; take inventory of ingredients; packaging finished orders; washing dishes and other cleaning tasks.

First-Hand Accounts:

“My job at camp is working in the bakery. I like working in the bakery and learning new skills. Some of the skills that I am learning are measuring ingredients, using the oven, using a sharp knife, and washing dishes. I have learned how to bake myself, and I cannot wait to bake independently when I live on my own. Voc Ed is very important because you learn about working and you have independence that you can take home with you.” – Voc Ed Participant

"The cookies are delicious! As a result of the Voc Ed Bakery, *tzevet* (staff) and *chanichim* (campers) have grown to really appreciate Voc Ed's contributions to the camp *kehilah* (community). It is evident how happy it makes the Voc Eders to know that they are truly valued and appreciated as members of our community." – Unit Head

