

Wolf Creek Inn Hospitality Internship Program



Overview

The Wolf Creek Inn state heritage site offers a six-month internship program for qualified candidates seeking to further their career in the food service/hospitality industry.

The WCI Hospitality Internship program began in 1999 working with the “Professional and Cultural Exchange Program” For international intern placement.

Since then we have developed a comprehensive program that guides the student through all aspects of our hospitality and food service operations.

Upon acceptance into the program, the intern will become part of our working staff, helping to prepare scratch recipes and menu dishes, greeting and checking in guests, assisting with banquets, buffets and special events, while learning about southern Oregon heritage, culture and cuisine.

Our program provides hands on experience in the areas of:

- 1) Kitchen sanitation and food hygiene
- 2) Food storage and rotation
- 3) Food preparation
- 4) Baking
- 5) Salads/pantry production
- 6) Hot food production
- 7) Menu planning
- 8) Recipe development and conversion
- 9) Inventory and cost controls
- 10) Dining room service/ Customer service
- 11) Paring regional foods and wines

Benefits of The Internship Program

Besides the opportunity to intern in a uniquely beautiful environment, we offer:

- 1) A chance for you to work in one of southern Oregon’s leading restaurants. The Wolf Creek Inn maintains the highest standards for quality and cleanliness while offering the public fresh, wholesome and “tasty” cuisine.
- 2) Endless varieties in ethnic and regional foods
- 3) Decorative and detailed food preparation with our many weddings, banquets, buffets and multi course winemaker dinners.
- 4) Annual events including:
 - a) “Dungeness crab feed”,
 - b) “Barbecue blues and microbrews”
 - c) “Oktoberfest”
- 5) The Opportunity to work and learn in one of Oregon’s oldest and best-preserved hotels.

Brief History of the Wolf Creek Inn



The Wolf Creek Inn is the oldest continuous use hotel in the state of Oregon. Built in 1883 by pioneer merchant Henry Smith, the building was first called the Wolf Creek Tavern, an old English term describing a hotel that served food. The original building included 16 small guest rooms, a parlor room for the men and one for the ladies, a dining room and kitchen. Guests were provided with a bowl and pitcher of fresh clear water in their rooms along with an oil lamp and comfortable bed. Indoor bathroom facilities were not available, however the guests could use one of the deluxe privies located just a few yards from the back door.

Several others took up the operations of the inn throughout the years and in 1925 John Dougal purchased the property adding the 8-room guest wing along with other modern modifications including indoor plumbing and a wood burning heating system. The Dougal family lived in room #4 where their two children John Jr. and Janie were born. The Dougal's piano can be seen in the dining room. Jane Dougal donated this piano, once the sole source of music for the dining room, to the inn in 1999.

During the 1920's and 1930's the inn was located along the Pacific Crest Highway, which ran from San Diego, California to Vancouver, British Columbia. The inn was a favorite stopping point for many celebrities who have left their names in the registers. Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Orson Wells, Clark Gable and Carole Lombard have all made the Wolf Creek Inn their home away from home. In August of 1911 Jack London stayed at the inn for several weeks where he enjoyed hiking in the old growth forests behind the inn. During this time he wrote a short story entitled "The End of the Story". Jack London's room can be seen in the front of the inn on the second floor decorated, as it would have appeared in 1911. The mountain directly behind the inn has

been named London Peak in honor of Jack London. A hiking trail located at the top of the mountain offers dramatic views. Ask one of the staff for directions to this trail.

In 1935 John Dougal sold the inn and the new owners made several modifications including the construction of a long oak bar encompassing the lady's parlor room and the first floor of the hotel. The inn became a place frequented by loggers, miners and ruffians ready for a game of cards, billiards, slot machines or pinball. Several stories are told of card games gone bad and the bullet holes can still be seen proving this may have been true.

Several people bought and sold the inn throughout the years, drawn to the inspiration that was Wolf Creek. From the 1940's to the early 1960's Wolf Creek had four sawmills, two gas stations, two hotels, several restaurants and one very busy Wolf Creek Tavern. As the timber industry began to decline in the 1960s the town of Wolf Creek started to fade.

The Wolf Creek Tavern was an old and crumbling building in the early 1970's. Time had taken its toll on the building and it was in desperate need of repair.

In 1975 the inn was purchased by the state of Oregon. Local carpenters and craftsmen invested 4 years restoring the inn to its former luster. Historians from the Oregon State Historical Preservation Office spent countless hours researching the original floor plans and wall coverings in order to return the inn to the look and feel one would have if they visited the inn in the mid 1920's.

Since 1979 the inn has been managed by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and operated by several dedicated concessionaires. In 1998 the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department took over the daily operations of the inn hiring their own innkeeper, chef and operations manager.

Time to study

The Wolf Creek Inn offers the perfect work/study environment. Nestled in the mountains of southern Oregon, one can enjoy solitude away from crowds, traffic jams and big city noise. The intern is provided with the right balance of work and study time.

Parlor rooms are available for reading, and discussion periods.

The work-study week is generally 40 hours in five days however, during events and unexpected heavy business periods the intern will be asked to remain working until the job is finished.

Note: Room and board is provided as a trade for work to students currently enrolled in high school or college at the time of acceptance to the WCI. Internship program.

Time to explore

Southern Oregon offers many exciting Natural, cultural and educational resources.

- a) **The Ashland Shakespearean festival** Enjoy world Class theatre performances! Located about an hour south of Wolf Creek in Ashland, Oregon.
- b) **Britt Festival** For musical events, this summer season venue features many big name bands and orchestras. Located 45 minutes south of Wolf Creek in Historic Jacksonville, Oregon
- c) **The Rogue Theatre** Innovative and popular performances in the historic Rogue theatre located in downtown Grants Pass just 20 minutes south of Wolf Creek
- d) **Wild Life Safari** Experience a real life safari without leaving southern Oregon! Located about one hour north near Roseburg, Oregon.
- e) **Fishing, swimming, boating and white water rafting** The Rogue recreational area offers this and more.
- f) **Dining.** Southern Oregon boasts many fine restaurants from Ashland to Roseburg. What better way to compare notes on cuisines then to dine out



The “Wolf Creek Inn Dining Room”



Fillo Wrapped Brie Appetizer



Dungeness crab Cake appetizer



Grilled chicken salad



Grilled Salmon with Basil Mayonnaise

APPLICATION FOR WOLF CREEK INN HOSPITALITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



Instructions:

1. Please complete this form to the best of your ability. The information you provide will help us in determining your eligibility for placement. List any additional information you feel is helpful in describing your eligibility
2. At any point, if you require more space to answer a question than is allotted, feel free to create the additional space needed. You may use the back of this form.
3. Before submitting this form be sure that you sign and date the application. Remember to remove this “instructions” page before submitting.

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Application Date:

BACKGROUND

1. Name:

1. Social Security No.

3. Home Address:

4. Phone (Home):

5. Phone (Work):

1. FAX:

7. E-Mail:

What is your country of citizenship? (Place an "X" next to one choice)

1. U.S.A.
2. Canada
3. Other (please specify)

Non-citizen visa status:

1. Is this visa current and valid?
2. Does this visa permit you to work? (If not you will need to begin this process)

EDUCATION

- 1. What is the name and address of the university or institution from which you graduated?**
- 2. What is the highest degree that you have completed in any educational training?**
- 3. What specific educational goals are you seeking? Explain.**

WORK HISTORY

List any and all work related experiences you have in the Hospitality/food service industry beginning with last employer first include starting and ending dates.

PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

List at least three persons who have known you for at least two years. Please include a current address and phone number where may contact them.

Signature _____

Date _____

Send your application to:

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