WORK & TRAVEL USA

Kami Ramen - Kitchen Staff

HOST INFORMATION

Company Description:

Experience Alaska with Kami Ramen!

Kami Ramen is a locally owned restaurant in Anchorage, Alaska, serving authentic Japanese ramen and Asian comfort foods in a warm, fast-paced, and team-oriented setting. As a J-1 student, you'll be fully involved in our daily operations—learning U.S. hospitality standards, customer service, and teamwork, while experiencing life in one of the most unique places in America.

Anchorage offers incredible seasonal activities:

Winter (Nov–Mar): Enjoy skiing, snowboarding, northern lights viewing, and winter festivals.

Summer (May–Sept): Take advantage of long daylight hours for hiking, kayaking, fishing, and local events like markets and music festivals.

Staff perks include:

- Free staff meals
- Employee food discounts
- Group outings and team events

You'll work alongside both local and international staff, gaining real-world experience and cultural exchange in a supportive environment.

Anchorage is a vibrant city surrounded by mountains and the ocean, offering the perfect balance of urban life and outdoor adventure. Join us for an unforgettable work-and-life experience in Alaska!

Host Website: http://www.kamiramen.com

Site of Activity: Kami Ramen

Parent Account Name: Kami LLC

Host Address: 3807 SPENARD RD ANCHORAGE , Alaska , 99517

Nearest Major City: Anchorage , Alaska , Less than 10 miles away

PLACEMENT INFORMATION

Job Description:

Kitchen Staff – Kami Ramen

Position Overview
Kitchen staff at Kami Ramen play an essential role in supporting the restaurant's daily operations. Positions include dishwasher, prep cook, and line cook, and all require teamwork, attention to detail, and the ability to work efficiently in a fast-paced environment. Staff members are expected to maintain high standards of cleanliness, food safety, and consistency while contributing to a positive team culture.

1. Dishwasher

Wash and sanitize dishes, utensils, pots, pans, and kitchen equipment.

Maintain cleanliness of the dishwashing area and kitchen floors.

Remove trash and recycling, keeping work areas organized.

Assist with basic kitchen cleaning tasks such as wiping surfaces and restocking clean items.

Support other team members as needed during busy periods.

2. Prep Cook

Wash, chop, and portion vegetables, meats, and other ingredients according to recipes.

Prepare sauces, broths, and other components ahead of service.

Follow food safety and hygiene standards during preparation.

Label, store, and rotate food items to ensure freshness.

Assist line cooks by keeping ingredients stocked and organized.

3. Line Cook

Assemble and cook menu items according to Kami Ramen recipes and quality standards.

Operate kitchen equipment such as grills, fryers, and stoves safely.

Work quickly and efficiently during busy meal periods.

Maintain cleanliness and organization of the cooking line.

Communicate clearly with other cooks and front-of-house staff to ensure smooth service.

Work Conditions

Labor-intensive environment with long periods of standing (up to 8 hours).

Exposure to heat, steam, and kitchen noise.

Shifts typically run 6–8 hours, with breaks provided.

Team-oriented workplace where reliability, respect, and communication are highly valued.

Learning Experience
J-1 students working in the kitchen will gain practical experience in U.S. restaurant operations, food preparation, time management, and teamwork. This role provides an opportunity to learn how a busy ramen shop functions while developing valuable hospitality and culinary skills.

Typical Schedule:

Tuesday to Saturday 1pm - 9.30pm

Drug Test required: No

COMPENSATION

Hourly Wage: $15

Eligible for Tips: Yes

tip sharing from Front of the house to the kitchen

Estimated weekly wages including tips: $700

Bonus: Yes

End of the season bonus on tardiness and performance

* All figures above are pre-tax

Estimated average number of hours per week: 38

Estimated minimum number of hours per week: 32

Estimated maximum number of hours per week: 40

Potential fluctuation in hours per week:

Potential low-hour weeks when bad weather or bad snow days

Average number of hours per week reached by last year's seasonal employees: 40

Overtime Policy:

Yes, paid after 40 hours

Job-Specific Benefits:

$25 meal money per shift

JOB REQUIREMENTS

English Level required:

★★★★☆☆ Intermediate

Required to be 21+: No

Previous Experience required: No

Qualifications & Conditions

Job Training required: Yes

Length of job training:
1 Week

Hours per week during training period: 30

Different wage during training period: No

Start on specific day of the week: No

Training requirements:
Food Handling Cards

Need to wear uniform: Yes

Uniform Policy:
Kitchen friendly shoes and pants, shirts are provided

Cost of uniform: $0

Uniform laundry: Participant responsibility

Dress Code: No

CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Types of Cultural Opportunities:

Company Parties, Holiday Events, Movie or Game Nights, Will provide information about Events, Local Resources, Attractions/Sites, Local Community

Additional Details about Cultural Offerings:

Anchorage in winter offers unique cultural and outdoor experiences: northern lights viewing, dog mushing, skiing, ice skating, and winter festivals celebrating Alaska Native traditions. Students can enjoy both cultural events and snowy adventures in a welcoming community.

Local Cultural Offering:

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HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Housing Provided: Yes. Employer Guarantees employer - owned or employer - arranged housing to all hired participants. May find own (can choose alternative).

Employer-owned or employer-arranged housing description:

basic apartments with necessities

Lease Agreement: No

Onsite Amenities:

WiFi: No
Description:
cellphone

Phone Service: Yes
Description:
participants will need to sign up their own phone lines

Kitchen facilities: Yes
Description:
basic home kitchen

Laundry facilities: Yes
Description:
coin op

Occupancy Requirements for Provided Housing:

Minimum Occupancy Per Room: 1

Maximum Occupancy Per Room: 3

Suggested Occupancy Per Room: 1 - 3

Rooming Arrangement Description:
up to availability

Provided Housing Cost:

Required to Pay for Provided Housing: Yes
Cost per Week: $175

Housing Cost Deducted from Paychecks: No
Description:
cash/check/Zelle.

Utilities Costs: No

Housing Deposit: Yes
Cost: $200

Description:
cash/check/zelle

Housing Deposit Refundable: No

Transportation to Worksite:

Walking Commute Time
Estimated commute time: 30 to 45 minutes

Description: Short Walk

Local Bus, Subway or Train
Estimated commute time: Under 15 minutes

Estimated cost: $1.99
Total: Yes Per Day: No
Description: people mover

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Arrival Instructions:

Employer-provided transportation is arranged; details (driver name, vehicle, and pick-up location) will be confirmed prior to your arrival. Please ensure your arrival flight details are shared in advance. Arrival Days & TimesStudents are expected to arrive in Anchorage between Monday–Wednesday, 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM, whenever possible. This allows adequate time for housing orientation and settling in before work begins. If arrival outside of these times is necessary, please notify us in advance. Local & Regional TransportationAnchorage has a public bus system (People Mover) with routes connecting the airport, downtown, and residential areas.Website: https://www.muni.org/departments/transit/peoplemoverCost: $2.00 per ride, or $60 monthly pass. Ride-share services (Uber, Lyft) and taxis are also available, with airport-to-midtown fares averaging $20–30.Additional Transportation Provided by EmployerGrocery Runs: Kami Ramen coordinates a weekly grocery trip, typically on Sundays, to local supermarkets.Social Security Office Visits: Transportation will be arranged for all new participants within their first week of arrival to apply for a Social Security number.Work Commute: Most housing placements are within a short distance of the restaurant. The employer may provide occasional transportation support in case of severe weather or special needs.

Suggested Arrival Airport:

Anchorage, ANC, Less than 10 miles

Estimated cost of transportation to worksite from suggested airports: $0 to $25

If arriving after regular hours:

Suggested After-Hours Accommodation:

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2810 W 29th Ave
anchorage , Alaska 99517
9073505501
$75 to $100

TRAINING AND ONBOARDING

Pre-Arrival Onboarding: No

Social Security Number:

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

Details about how to apply for Social Security Number:

After you arrive and begin work, you must apply for your Social Security number (SSN). You must wait at least 3 days after your arrival before applying to ensure your SEVIS record is active. You need: Directions and walking assistance to the SSA office Scheduled group trips during your first week for SSN applications Help with completing required forms and documents Bring your: Passport with J-1 visa DS-2019 form I-94 arrival record (print from i94.cbp.dhs.gov) Job offer letter from Kami Ramen

Nearest SSA Office: Anchorage , Alaska , Less than 10 miles

Other:

Wage Payment Schedule:

semi-monthly direct deposit

Meal Plan: Not available

Provide Certificates/Performance Evaluations: Yes

Hire in Groups: Yes
Maximum Group Size:

Grooming Requirements:

Kitchen friendly grooming requirement

Second Job Availability: Yes, likely

Applicable Company Policies:

General Job Conditions – Kami RamenWorking at Kami Ramen is a fast-paced, hands-on experience in a busy restaurant environment. J-1 students will be part of the kitchen and service team, performing a variety of tasks that support daily operations.Work Environment: Hot kitchen, exposure to steam, food odors, and noise from cooking equipment. Work is team-oriented and requires focus and cooperation.Physical Demands: Work is labor-intensive, involving long periods of standing (up to 8 hours per shift), frequent walking, lifting up to 25 lbs, bending, and carrying supplies.Job Tasks: Preparing ingredients, portioning, cooking assistance, dishwashing, cleaning, stocking, and general labor needed to maintain smooth operations.Shift Length: Standard shifts are about 8 hours, with short breaks provided.Expectations: Employees are expected to arrive on time, follow safety and hygiene standards, and maintain a clean and organized work area. Teamwork and a positive attitude are essential.Work Pace: The restaurant can be very busy, especially during lunch and dinner hours. Staff should be prepared to handle repetitive tasks quickly and efficiently.Kami Ramen values hard work, reliability, and teamwork. Students will gain firsthand experience in U.S. restaurant operations while developing strong work discipline and hospitality skills.

COMMUNITY AMENITIES

Walking Distance from Worksite:

Bank, Restaurants

Walking Distance from Housing:

Food Market, Post Office, Bank, Restaurants

In Town, Requires Transportation:

Food Market, Shopping Mall, Post Office, Bank, Restaurants, Fitness Center, Public Library