

SMITH FORK RANCH

Smith Fork Ranch is a family owned guest ranch with a current capacity of 26-28 guests. This intimate, high-end guest ranch is located roughly midway between Aspen and Telluride, Colorado. Straddling three miles of the Smith Fork River Valley, its compound of historic buildings sits at 7100 feet altitude, surrounded by 1.2 million acres of the Gunnison National Forest and 10,000-12,000 ft peaks of the West Elk Range of the Rocky Mountains. The ranch is located about 7 miles East of the town of Crawford (pop 350) and 25 minutes from the north rim of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park; 2 hours from Aspen; 2 ½ hours from Telluride; 1 ¾ hours from Grand Junction, 4 ½ hours SW of Denver, Colorado.

While the ranch dates back to the early 20th century, its current life as a high-end guest ranch began in 2002, after an extensive three-year restoration by the Hodgson family. In addition to its stunningly beautiful location, primary characteristics are handsomely appointed accommodations in the rustic tradition; a wine cellar of over 250 outstanding wines; gourmet cuisine; and a wide variety of outdoor activities (featuring fly fishing on extensive private waters, horseback riding, sporting clays, long-bow archery, mountain biking and hiking) customized to the desires of the guests.

Lauded by Food & Wine Magazine, The London Daily Telegraph, Town & Country Travel Magazine, The New York Times and Edible Aspen, SFR has been chosen by Andrew Harper's Hideaway report as one of the top six intimate hideaways in America. The ranch caters to a very high-end niche; a clientele that holds its food and wine experience to extremely high standards.

Smith Fork Ranch is in one of our country's most bountiful food regions; with an abundance of locally raised game, fish, lamb, beef and poultry, fresh organic fruits and vegetables from local farms and our own organic farmstead garden. We are truly a farm-to-table resort.

Position: Baker/Kitchen Assistant

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Baker/Kitchen Assistant position is one of the key positions at the ranch. We operate one of the very best, high-end ranches in the USA, which requires a creative, all around five-star dining experience. This individual will work with our executive chef and kitchen team to achieve this overall goal.

The primary job responsibilities for the Baker/Kitchen Assistant will be the production of all sweet and savory baked goods to include: breakfast pastries, bagels, desserts, cookies, bread, rolls, pizza dough, etc. and assisting the Executive Chef/Sous Chef/Breakfast Cook with breakfast service including ala carte, buffet, boxed breakfasts, staff meal and outdoor breakfasts over the campfire.

This individual will assist in all kitchen operations, from elegant plated dinners, to casual lunches, gourmet picnic baskets, off-ranch pack trips, streamside cookouts and employee meals. The summer season typical daily guest count is 20-26. Seasonal staff is 18-20.



REQUIREMENTS

Creative, hands-on experience in a full-service dining environment and/or bakery is a must. Strong culinary background; outgoing personality; and willingness to interact with our guests is important. Arrive to shifts with a clean, crisp and professional appearance.

- Exceptional baking/pastry chef skills
- Solid knowledge of food and beverage
- Ability to maintain a clean, safe, healthy and organized food production area
- Highly motivated with positive attitude
- Strong appreciation of farm-to-table culinary approach
- Desire to live in a remote area; enjoy outdoor activities
- Creative, multi-tasker
- Available to work mid-May to September 1 (through November 1 preferable)
- Ability to work 5-6 days a week

Smith Fork Ranch is a close-knit team oriented community. Everyone must be willing to pitch in and help on occasion, where ever needed, including wood cutting, lawn care, housekeeping, washing dishes, vehicles, etc.

COMPENSATION

Competitive salary based on ability and experience. Housing, meals and share of employee tip pool.

Fill out our online application or mail/email application, cover letter, resume and photo to:

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