Position Details

Overview

Position Title: *Cashier/Sales*

Position Code: *PC1698194*

Host Company Name: *Sam McGee's (Ketchikan, AK)*

Host Company Description:
Sam Mc Gee's Ltd. is a locally owned and operated specialty retail establishment with two locations, our original Sam McGee's at 18 Creek Street and Blasphemous Bill's at 100 Main Street both in downtown Ketchikan, Alaska. Founded in the late 1990s, the store has become a well-recognized destination for both residents and visitors seeking high-quality Alaskan goods and uniquely regional products.

City: *Ketchikan*

State: *AK*

Gender Preference: *Female*

English Level: *Advanced*

Minimum Age: *18*

Earliest Start Date: *5/15/2027*

Earliest End Date: *9/15/2027*

Latest Start Date: *6/1/2027*

Latest End Date: *9/30/2027*

Position Details

Average Hours/Week: *>32*

Typical Schedule: *Work schedules may vary and can include weekends and holidays. 5-6 days per week. Earliest start is 8am.*

Additional Hours Details:

Position Description:
Staff at Sam McGee's gain valuable experience working in a dynamic, multicultural environment, assisting customers, restocking merchandise, handling transactions, and learning about Alaskan history and tourism.

Required Duties:
Job Title: Salesperson/Cashier
Location: Sam McGee's, Ketchikan, Alaska

Job Description:
As a Salesperson/Cashier at Sam McGee's, you will be an essential part of our customer service team, providing visitors with a welcoming and memorable shopping experience. This position is ideal for people interested in gaining valuable retail and customer service experience in a vibrant, multicultural setting.

Key Responsibilities:

Greet customers in a friendly and professional manner

Assist customers in selecting products and answer questions about merchandise
Operate the cash register, process sales transactions, and handle cash and credit card payments accurately
Restock shelves, organize displays, and ensure the store is clean and presentable
Maintain knowledge of store products and promotions

Skills Required:

Supplies Required: *Clothes from home - neat casual*

Supplies Cost:

Company Policies:

Interview Required?: *Yes*

Additional Information: *10% employee discount*

Training Dates:

Different Training Period Wage:

Physical Demands:
Must be able to stand for long periods of time; Must be able to work with cleaning and sanitation products; Performing duties which require bending, reaching, and/or lifting; Lifting & transporting up to 25/30/50/100 pounds

Drug Testing Requirements:

Meals Included:

Transportation:

Host Placement - Related Costs:

Benefits Provided by Host:

Pay Rate: *USD 17.00*

Pay Frequency: *Bi-Weekly*

Pay Notes:

Overtime Available? *No*

Overtime Rate:

Days Before Start of Work: *0*

Tipped Position? *No*

Accepts Couples? *No*

Accepts Groups? *Yes*

Second Job Allowed? *Yes*

Company Provided Housing? *Yes*

Arrival Information

Recommended Airport:
Ketchikan International Airport (KTN) (Must fly through Juneau first to apply for social security and then you travel to Ketchikan)

Nearest Bus Station: *N/A*

Nearest Train Station: *N/A*

Transportation to Company: *Employer will pick you up at Ketchikan Airport.*

Reporting Instructions:
Please stay in contact with your employer regarding your first day via email, cell phone or WhatsApp. You should be in contact with employer several weeks before arrival to coordinate arrival.

Travel Instructions:
Upon arrival to Juneau, please go to the Social Security Office to apply for your card. Check into a hostel if it is later in the day. Please stay in touch with your host company employer to inform them of your travel plans to Ketchikan.

Nearest Social Security Office: *709 W 9th St Ste 231, Juneau, AK, 99801*

11:30am-4pm Monday to Friday
Closed on weekends

Social Security Instructions:
You must check in with Intrax as soon as you arrive and then apply for your Social Security Card. Be sure to obtain a receipt from your application to show to your employer. You must apply for social security before arriving to Ketchikan.

Area Information

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Ketchikan is a coastal community located in Southeast Alaska on Revillagigedo Island, bordered by the Tongass National Forest and the Inside Passage. With a population of approximately 14,000 residents, Ketchikan offers a small-town atmosphere while serving as a major cultural and economic hub for the region. The community is accessible by air and sea, with regular ferry and airline service connecting it to other Alaskan cities and the Pacific Northwest.

Known as the “Salmon Capital of the World,” Ketchikan has a long history rooted in fishing, Native Alaskan heritage, and maritime commerce. The town is home to a strong Alaska Native presence, particularly the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples, whose culture is visible throughout the community in the form of totem poles, museums, cultural centers, and public art. This provides international visitors with meaningful opportunities for cultural exchange and learning.

Ketchikan has a vibrant seasonal economy supported by tourism, fishing, and local small businesses. During the summer months, the town welcomes cruise ship visitors from around the world, creating a dynamic and multicultural environment. Local events, festivals, and community activities are common, and residents are known for being welcoming and supportive of seasonal workers and international participants.

The community offers essential amenities including grocery stores, medical facilities, public transportation, libraries, parks, and recreational opportunities. Outdoor activities such as hiking, fishing, wildlife viewing, and kayaking are widely accessible and contribute to a healthy, active lifestyle. Ketchikan is considered a safe community, with a strong sense of local pride and neighborly connection.

Ketchikan has a mild coastal climate with frequent rainfall, particularly during the spring and summer seasons. J-1 participants are strongly encouraged to pack waterproof outerwear, including a rain jacket, rain pants, and waterproof footwear. Layered clothing is recommended, as temperatures can vary throughout the day. Comfortable walking shoes are important due to the town’s walkable layout and the nature of retail and tourism-related work.

Cultural Opportunities:
Ketchikan, Alaska offers J-1 Exchange Visitors a distinctive cultural exchange environment through its combination of small-town American life and international tourism. As a regional hub in Southeast Alaska, Ketchikan provides daily interaction with local residents, seasonal workers, and visitors from around the world, particularly in retail, hospitality, and tourism settings. This creates frequent opportunities for cross-cultural communication and engagement.

A key cultural feature of Ketchikan is its strong Alaska Native presence, especially the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples. J-1

participants can experience Indigenous culture through museums, totem parks, cultural centers, public art, and community events, gaining exposure to local history, traditions, and contemporary Native life. These experiences support meaningful cultural understanding beyond the workplace.

Website: *http://www.sammcgeesalaska.com*

Additional Website Info:

Accomodation Option: Unit 1, 18 Creek Street, Ketchikan, Alaska, 99901

Company Arranged: *Yes*

Company Recommended: *Yes*

Description: *2 bedroom, 1 bathroom apartment located above Sam McGee's store on historic Creek Street. ! student per room.*

Housing is included at no charge. Utilities included. No deposit.

Bed, linens, wardrobe, wifi, heat, TV, microwave, full kitchen, refrigerator/freezer available. No laundry facility on site.

If you lose your position then you cannot stay in company housing. Housing is for employees only.

Estimated Weekly Cost: *USD 0.00*

Additional Weekly Cost:

Additional Cost Description:

Commute Options: *Walking*

Commute Cost: *USD 0.00*

Company Provides Transportation: *No*

Estimated Distance to Company: *walking distance*

Gender Restrictions: *None*