



## Job Description

### **Culinary Services Manager, The Academy Drum and Bugle Corps**

The Academy Drum & Bugle Corps is looking for a Culinary Service Manager to manage our food program for the 2026 season. This paid position requires someone with a background in food preparation for large groups. (Catering or school cafeteria/dining hall experience would be a plus.) Drum corps experience is preferred – running a mobile kitchen for an extended time period requires a unique skill set and we know that it is a labor of love. Come join The Academy family!

**Duration:** May 26 – August 8, 2026 (summer season) and occasional weekends in the Winter and Spring

**Employment Type:** Contract/Seasonal

**Reports To:** Josh Thye, Executive Director, and Tour Director & Corps Manager

### **Job Description:**

Arizona Academy of the Performing Arts (The Academy Drum & Bugle Corps) is seeking a **Culinary Manager/Food Truck Lead** to lead our food operations for the 2026 season/national tour. This position helps prepare and serve nutritious meals, from a mobile kitchen, for The Academy Drum Corps members, staff, and volunteers throughout a 75-day summer tour.

### **Responsibilities**

- Prepare and serve four meals a day for ~220 people on *Hell's Kitchen*, our commercial kitchen food trailer throughout a 75-day summer tour. (Our summer season consists of ~5 weeks of Move-Ins and ~6 weeks of Tour).
- Help plan menus that accommodate dietary needs and ensure proper nutrition for our musician-athletes.
- Assist in placing Sysco delivery orders and compiling shopping lists for weekly grocery runs.
- Maintain cleanliness and organization of the food truck and meal prep areas, and ensure compliance with food safety and sanitation regulations.

### **Qualifications**

- Experience in meal planning and food prep for large groups. Catering, commercial kitchen, school food service, and/or food truck experience is a plus.
- Ability to prep, cook, clean and other duties as needed inside/outside of the mobile kitchen truck.
- Knowledge of food safety and sanitation guidelines.
- Ability to work in a youth-centered, fast-paced environment with tight schedules during tour/travel.
- Fun and energetic, able to work with many different personalities.

- Flexible, able to adjust to schedule changes quickly.

### **Location and Schedule**

- This position will be on site with The Academy Drum Corps for most of Move-Ins/Pre-Tour and Tour. Candidate will travel with the drum corps throughout the summer.
- Candidate will lead a rotating team of 4-5 volunteers that staff the food truck each week.

### **Compensation**

- Competitive pay is based on experience and availability.
- Tentative pay range is \$10,000 - \$12,000 for the entire summer season (approximately 10 weeks).
  - Pay determination based off qualifications and experience level.
- This position is considered an independent contractor paid position (1099).
- Travel, housing, transportation, and food will be provided by the drum corps.

### **Application Process**

All applicants will undergo a background and reference check, as well as a series of phone, zoom, or live interviews as part of the evaluation process. To apply, please submit a current resume, including professional references, to: [email@arizonaacademy.org](mailto:email@arizonaacademy.org)

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