

## Job Descriptions Overview

*Though your main job at Vala's is creating Magical Memories, please read through our job descriptions to see what best fits your preferences. Note that you may not get your first job choice, depending on availability, so please mark a few different options you might enjoy. Thank you!*

### Admissions Jobs

**Admissions Cashier:** This is the main job at Admissions. You become the first impression guests have of Vala's; therefore, your first priority is customer service. You will be standing much of the time, and selling Admission tickets or season passes on iPad registers. You must complete a cashier training session, and you are responsible for your money bag on the job.

**Apple School Tours Teacher:** Vala's has Apple School Tours in the Apple Education Barn Tuesday through Friday for preschool and elementary schoolers. Teachers may teach a classroom on their own or with a co-teacher, and then guide the students to the orchard to pick apples. This is on-the-job training.

**Campfire Starter:** Fire Starters work outdoors, must be 18 or older, pass the Gator Training Test, and must be able to lift 50 lbs (hauling wood). Your main priority is safety, lighting all 74 campfires when needed, and making sure campfires are neat and clean, with wood and water provided to each campsite.

**People Mover:** In this position, you will coordinate with Admissions and Campfire Starters. Your main duties are friendly guest interactions, taking Vala's guests and supplies to and from campsite, and assisting the elderly when needed. Must be able to lift 30 lbs, and must be 18 or older.

**Greeter:** Greet and direct Vala's guests at Admissions as they come onto the farm! Must be outgoing and cheerful and able to stand on your feet for periods of time. You will also be using an iPad to check in guests.

**Ticket Taker:** Take tickets from Vala's guests as they walk through Admissions. Greet guests with a friendly smile and provide directions for them around the farm. You may be sitting or standing at times, and must be dressed appropriately for the weather.

### Retail Jobs

**Retail Cashier:** The primary job in any retail location is cashiering duties while maintaining the appearance of the retail location by arranging/restocking merchandise and keeping displays full. You will be standing much of the time, selling merchandise, and you may be working alone or with a team. You must complete a cashier training session, and you are responsible for your money bag on the job. *Retail locations include Barnyard Sports, Big Barn Exit, Calamity Jan's (work alone), Glow Shack (work alone), Harvest Barn (+ serving coffee drinks), Eerie Emporium.*

### Attractions Jobs

**Attraction Worker:** As an Attractions Worker, your primary job is guest safety and positive guest interactions. You must be dressed appropriately for the weather, and may be working alone or with a team. *Attraction locations include Apple Cannon Blasters, Barnyard Sports, Barnyard Challenge, Big Slide Ride, Egg Scramble, Jumping Pillows, Maze, Pedal Carts, Photo Barn.*

**Attraction Cashier:** Attraction Cashiers will work at an Attraction selling tickets or items for guests to participate in the Attraction. The cashier duties are very simple, though you must still complete a cashier training session, and you are responsible for your money bag on the job. You also help to maintain the

appearance of your Attraction location. *Attractions with cashiers include Apple Cannon Blasters, Paintball, Train Depot, Photo Barn.*

**Tractor Driver:** Tractor drivers must work as a team to coordinate Hayrack Ride rotations out to the pumpkin fields and apple orchard. The first priority is guest safety and positive guest interactions. You must be dressed appropriately for the weather, must be 18 or older, and must be able to lift 50 lbs. Experience necessary. *Tractor drivers work at the Barnyard Adventure and Hayrack Rides.*

**Train Engineer:** The first priority of the Train Engineer is guest safety and positive guest interactions. You may dress up or wear a Staff Shirt. In this position, you will coordinate guests boarding and exiting the train, guard the railroad crossing, drive the train, and entertain guests. Must be 18 or older. *[Limited openings due to returning staff].*

**Pony Rides and Feed Shack Worker:** This is the perfect job for those that love horses and animals! Pony Ride workers coordinate children getting on and off ponies, and Feed Shack workers watch over the petting zoo and sell feed cups. You must be dressed appropriately for the weather. *These positions are technically hired by Mark Celesky (the Pig Race guy), who owns all the animals.*

### **Entertainment Jobs**

**Actor/Actress:** As an actor/actress, you must love entertaining guests by performing live shows! Maintain character at all times in front of guests. You are part of their magical experience. You may be wearing a costume and makeup. *Live shows include the Pumpkin Eating Dragon Show, Pigtucky Derby Pig Races, and the Pumpkin Cannon Show. [Limited openings due to returning staff].*

**Face Painter/Cashier:** Face painters must have previous experience. You will be sitting for long periods outdoors, painting kids' faces with large and small designs. The cashier will greet guests and handle cash, and they must complete cashier training.

**Mascot/Mascot Handler and Strolling Character (weekends only):** As a strolling character or mascot, you must love entertaining Vala's guests! Your job will be to walk around the farm, greeting guests, and taking photos with them. Maintain character at all times in front of guests. You are part of their magical experience at the farm. You will be wearing a costume (or Staff Shirt if you're a Handler) and might wear makeup. A Mascot Handler will be assigned to communicate with guests and keep the mascot safe. *Strolling characters include the Witch, Pumpkin Princess, Farmer Jack, and Zeke the Dragon. [Limited openings due to returning staff].*

### **Food Location Jobs**

**Food Prep:** Food Prep involves getting food ready for when guests arrive at the farm. The type of food depends on the location. Must wear closed-toed shoes, dress for the weather, be prepared to help serve guests, and help maintain a clean, safe food location. Must be able to stand on your feet for periods of time. Must know basic food safety information from Vala's Food Safety Overview Packet.

**Cook:** Similar to Food Prep, being a Cook involves being prepared for and anticipating feeding hungry guests. Cooks may be assigned to working on the fryers, grills, smokers, ovens, or corn roasters, depending on the food location. Must wear closed-toed shoes, dress for the weather, be prepared to help serve guests, and help maintain a clean, safe food location. Must be able to stand on your feet for periods of time. Must know basic food safety information from Vala's Food Safety Overview Packet.

**Food Server:** You will work closely with Food Preps and Cooks, but your first priority is helping Vala's guests by taking orders and serving food. Must wear closed-toed shoes, dress for the weather, be prepared to help serve guests, and help maintain a clean, safe food location. Must be able to stand on your feet for periods of time. Must know basic food safety information from Vala's Food Safety Overview Packet.

**Food Cashier:** As a cashier in a food location, it is important to become familiar with menu items as you sell food and drinks on iPad registers. You must complete a cashier training session, and you are responsible for your money bag on the job. Though you may assist with other tasks in the food location, you must always remain by your cashier. Must wear closed-toed shoes, dress for the weather, and help maintain a clean, safe food location. Must be able to stand on your feet for periods of time.

**Baker/Early Morning Baker:** Vala's makes high-quality baked goods, so we like to hire skilled bakers at certain locations. This could include making cookie dough, pie fillings, pie crust, or baking pies, cookies, and bars. Since we like to have these items as fresh as possible, we also have bakers that work early morning shifts. Must be 18 or older, able to lift 50 lbs, wear closed-toed shoes, and help maintain a clean, safe food location. Must know basic food safety information from Vala's Food Safety Overview Packet. Must be able to stand on your feet for periods of time.

*Locations with Baker positions include the Big Barn Bakery, Cookie Coop, Country Bakery, Harvest Barn Donuts, and the Pie Barn.*

**Food Warehouse:** This job is for those that enjoy working behind-the-scenes, delivering food across all locations on the farm. Must be 18 or older, able to lift 50 lbs, wear closed-toed shoes, and help maintain a clean, safe Food Warehouse. Forklift experience is a plus.

**Catering:** A job for Vala's Catering includes food preparation and serving food for large parties in the Pavilion or multiple campsites. It may also include assembling campfire boxes for small parties and delivering food to the campsites. Must wear closed-toed shoes and know basic food safety information from Vala's Food Safety Overview Packet. *[Limited openings due to returning staff].*

### **Other Jobs on the Farm**

**Cleaning Crew:** One of the most important, behind-the-scenes jobs on the farm is our cleaning crew. The responsibilities include cleaning guest bathroom facilities across the farm, picking up trash, washing dishes, cleaning floors and washing windows in certain parts of the farm.

**EMT/Security:** The prospective candidate must be at least 20 years of age or older. He/she should complete EMT training from a state-approved training center. The candidate must possess CPR certification. Will be trained in Vala's Safety Policies. Job also includes looking for lost children, watching for safety issues, and providing security across the farm.

**Floater Cashier:** This position is reserved for those that have worked for Vala's for a long time in various cashiering positions. A floater cashier gives breaks to any cashier position on the farm, including Admissions, retail locations, attractions, and food locations. You must be comfortable bouncing around to different locations and jumping in at busy times, mostly using iPad registers.

**Parking Lot Attendants:** Working in cooperation with the Sheriff's Department, Parking Lot Attendants help to park cars safely and efficiently. Must be 18 or older, and must dress for the weather, wearing a Staff Shirt or sweater. We provide a safety vest while parking.