



Emerging Career: Caterer

Caterers prepare and serve food and refreshments for special occasions.

We said: What is being a Caterer all about?

She said: It's about food and helping people celebrate special moments in their lives. When clients contact me, we get together and talk about their favorite food and drink. I also need to know the number of guests, the budget, date, location and the theme of the event. Then I propose a menu that I hope everyone will like. As well as preparing the food, I am responsible for delivery and serving the food.



We said: What are the best and hardest parts of being a Caterer?

She said: The best part is creating healthy, innovative food. I like to use a lot of fruits and vegetables. The worst part is sorting invoices and paying bills. I love food and parties, I hate bookkeeping!

We said: How did you get started as a Caterer?

She said: I had a birthday party business with a friend when I was in high school. It was so much fun to plan activities and decorate. My friend and I would make the cake and snacks. Then I worked as a waitress for awhile, but it just wasn't as much fun. So I went to culinary school and learned about cooking and food presentation as well as party planning. Now I do what I love everyday.

Secrets of the trade...



Great cooking is the foundation of catering.



Strong business skills will ensure success.



The ability to work with people is important!