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We have **NEW** workshops to offer to Red Lake and Ear Falls area!  
Find out how you can get your workshop free! Details below:

## Slips, Trips & Falls

- ❖ Most employees don't give much thought to the prospect of slipping, tripping or even falling on the job. Yet these types of accidents account for more workplace injuries annually than any other accident category. Many of these injuries can be disabling... or even fatal. This kit shows the situations that can lead to slips, trips & falls, and what employees can do to avoid or prevent these accidents.

## Hand & Power Tool Safety

- ❖ Hand and power tools are used every day in many types of business. They make our work easier and allow us to be more efficient. However, we often fail to see the hazards these tools present. This kit shows how accidents can be significantly reduced by applying good general safety rules, and reviews what hazards are associated with the specific types of tools employees use.

## Fire Prevention & Safety: Industrial

- ❖ Among all the safety problems an employee can encounter, industrial fires can be the most frightening. This kit covers causes of industrial fires and what can be done to prevent them. It reviews steps that can be taken to help prevent fires, as well as what employees should do in case of a fire emergency.

## Back Safety

- ❖ Four out of five people will experience some type of back problem during their lives and many back injuries are caused by common activities such as lifting, climbing, reaching, etc. This kit emphasizes the importance of overall back care, including exercises and weight control.

## Machine Guard Safety

- ❖ Machinery comes in many sizes and shapes, and it can present many different types of hazards. This kit is designed to help employees understand the dangers of working with machinery and how those risks can be minimized by proper installation and use of safety guards and devices.



Safety on the job is VERY important! Also offered by Red Lake Career & Employment Services:

WHMIS and Smart Serve!

Book your workshop today!! Call 727-2297 or 222-1087

Students – Summer Jobs ads are beginning to pop up! Check our job list regularly to make sure you apply in time!

[www.redlakejobs.ca](http://www.redlakejobs.ca)

Our Summer Job List will begin in April!

### **Dream jobs that are attainable**

By Ana Gonzalez Ribeiro, [Investopedia.com](http://Investopedia.com)

Ever wonder what it feels like to have that dream job you've always wanted? If that job is a travel writer, video game tester, competitive eater or food development tester, then it might be easier to live your dream than you think.

#### **Travel Writer**

Travel writers are passionate about traveling. They love going to new locations around the globe and writing thorough and detailed descriptions about the places they visit. This job doesn't require any specific education or experience but it does help to have great writing skills. Travel publications pay writers to visit various destinations and write articles about these places.

The writer's pay includes travel and food costs plus hotel stay. The key to succeed in this business is to sharpen your skills by writing daily. You also need to be observant and detail-oriented when describing different kinds of scenery and conducting research. How much a travel writer can make really depends on the effort and time they put into their profession. Professional travel writers usually make an annual salary of around \$35,000 to \$65,000.

## Video Game Tester

These folks are crucial to game development. They test how a game works to ensure that game players have a good experience. Testers conduct video game quality assurance, and find problems such as bugs, errors or any other issues. Although it sounds like the kind of job where you would be sitting on a couch and "playing" different games for hours, it's not all fun and games. This job requires discipline to test the product and not just get a good score. Testers can work 60, 80 or even 100 hours, in the final week of development.

Furthermore, testers need to be computer savvy, pay attention to detail, and have great controller skills and hand-eye coordination. Entry level pay varies by company, but is usually around \$10 to \$12 per hour.

## Competitive Eaters

Getting paid to eat sounds like a wonderful way to make a living. That said, competitive eaters put a lot of effort into what they do. The job can be stressful and is not for everybody. Typically, professional eaters compete to see who can eat the most food in the least amount of time. However, for most people, this type of job is no cakewalk. Does eating 59 hot dogs in 10 minutes sound appealing to you? For some people, it's a great way to make a living, but personally, I don't think my stomach can handle that much food in one sitting!

The International Federation of Competitive Eating is the organization that officially oversees the rules and procedures for all professional eating contests. Competitive eaters attend competitions for all kinds of food. However, competitive eaters are probably best known for hot dog eating contests such as the Nathan's Famous Hot Dogs Fourth of July competition. They may also competitively eat pies, ravioli, hamburgers, chicken wings, grilled cheese sandwiches and a variety of other foods. Winners are awarded a monetary prize of several hundred or thousands of dollars, but sometimes they only get a title.

## Food Taster/Taste Tester

Food tasters or food development testers don't have to wolf down tons of food in a matter of minutes, but they do eat and get paid for it. These individuals are responsible for coming up with new product ideas and ensuring that the food products of the company they work for stays ahead of the competition.

These "taste testers" makes sure that a company's food product meets certain standards of quality and stays true to original recipes. They test the color, taste, texture, smell and ingredient distribution, and record or compile test results using graphs, charts or reports. Testers also compute moisture or salt content and percentages of ingredients by using mathematical and chemical procedures. Median annual wage for this job is about \$35,000.

## The Bottom Line

Do you have the skills, knowledge, confidence and passion to turn your hobby into a successful career? If so, do your research and get started on achieving that goal. Then the next time someone tells you that you're wasting time playing video games, you can say that you're just preparing for your next job.

### Office Hours:

Red Lake:

Mon – Thurs: 8:00am – 4:30pm

Fridays: 8:00 am – 4:00pm

Ear Falls:

Thursdays 9:30am–3:00pm

## Students – March Break is coming!

Red Lake Career & Employment Services is offering **FREE** student workshops! Choose any of our free workshops (or all of them) – call 727-2297 or email [redlakejobs@shaw.ca](mailto:redlakejobs@shaw.ca) to sign up! Must sign-up in advance.

Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am

- WHMIS

Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm

- Slips Trips and Falls

Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm

- Back Safety

Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am & 10:30am

- Hand and Power Tool Safety
- Machine Guard Safety

Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm

- Industrial Fire Prevention

Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm

- Smart Serve (must be 17 to take this course – proof of DOB required)

Ear Falls – Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am (Industrial Fire Prevention) and @ 12:30pm (Smart Serve)

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