



2026 CATERPILLAR FOOD MAKER

Butterfly Wings n' Wishes LTD
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1 OPENING AVAILABLE

Pay: \$17.00/hr

Position runs: Full time April 7-May 29, 2026

Hours: Full time, weekends and weekdays

TO APPLY:

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and your availability (including weekends, weekdays, and your free days based on any school/exam schedule if applicable) by email to bugs@butterflyab.com

Deadline for Application: Feb 28, 2026

OUTLINE:

You read that right: you'll be making food for our Caterpillars. We need a driven, dedicated, detail-oriented team member to work on-site in our Butterfly Laboratory for the physically demanding and dedicated role of full-time Caterpillar Food-Maker. This is a specialty role and relies on the ability to perform repetitive tasks for long hours both alone and on a small team. It also involves the inventory management of your direct supplies. Task outlines are as follows:

- **FOOD MAKING (WEEKENDS, MONDAY-WED OR THURSDAY)** – the caterpillar diet is a proprietary shelf-stable powder. This is mixed with precise quantities of boiling water to produce a viable prepared diet, which is then portioned into containers to set and cool, which are then sent out for the larvae to eat. This part of the job requires repetitive weighing, measuring, blending, and portioning of how liquid. You may be alone or on a team.
- **MATERIALS/INVENTORY (late week):** Each week begins with a prep stage to assess upcoming inventory and production schedules. Each week ends with an inventory report, submitted to management to ensure supply chain is accurately maintained. Candidate is expected to assist in moving, organizing, and maintaining inventory.
- **LAB SANITATION:** Laboratory is Biosafety-1. Materials and surfaces must be maintained throughout the day, which involves cleaning handheld tools and maintaining aseptic technique in a lab environment. Staff must strictly comply with the wearing of standard PPE(masks, hairnet/beard net, gloves, gown, apron and/or lab garment such as coat).

Our company focuses on education and science communication, delivering caterpillar kits to children across Canada so you are working on site in a functioning butterfly laboratory. This is an entry-level role in the lab and is most suitable for someone with laboratory or commercial kitchen experience.

AVAILABILITY & HOURS:

Weekly schedule starts on the weekend and runs 5 days: sometimes starting Sunday, sometimes Saturday. Based on a 5 day workweek you are then done either Wednesday or Thursday. All shifts are conducted between 8 AM and 4 PM, during operational hours and shifts are typically 6 or 8 hours in length.

- **ORIENTATION:** A 3 orientation shift (flexibly scheduled) will be conducted March 30-April 2.

- **(PRE-SEASON INVENTORY & TRAINING):** 20-25 hours, April 7-10 is training and inventory week. There is less food making and it is a short 4-day week due to the long weekend. No weekend shifts. Candidate can anticipate less time on food making, more on prep and inventory.

- **PEAK SEASON:** April 13-May 29, 2026. 30-40 hours per week across weekends and Monday-Thursday.

- **WIND DOWN WEEK:** – 20-30 hours of work, to accommodate inventory, replacements, and lab wind-down.

QUALIFICATIONS, REQUIREMENTS

- Available for 30-40 hours per week, flexible weekends
- Must be 18 years of age
- Candidates **cannot** be allergic to shellfish or soy
- Good eyesight is necessary: you are working with precise proportions
- Physically fit and dexterous; able to lift up to 50lbs, with steady hands, and on your feet most of the day
- Must be able to work in a hot, humid environment
- Must be able to wear standard lab PPE (masks, hairnet/beard net, gloves, gown, apron and/or lab coat) for the duration of a shift
- Attention to detail and ability to work on repetitive tasks down for up to 5-6 hrs daily is important
- Teamwork skills, good communication, and the ability to self-manage tasks and meet deadlines
- Experience in a laboratory or commercial kitchen is an asset: interests in the related fields/study of entomology or microbiology is an asset but not a requirement
- Successful applicant must provide their own dedicated lab shoes that will remain on site for the duration of the season (all other PPE is supplied)
- First Aid certified is an asset

OTHER NOTES:

- Victoria Day, a STAT holiday, falls during the season and is a paid day of rest.
- If you are interested in cross-training on our other teams (Shipping/Logistics, or in the lab with the caterpillars), we are happy to comprehensively train you and offer you introductory hours if those would be beneficial for your interests, resume or CV. Include this in your application if you like! This is a dynamic worksite – with bugs – and we're happy to expand your experience if desired.

Working with butterflies can be a real career highlight! Let us know if making a difference is important to you 😊