

Manufacturing

West Central Job Partnership

Overview

Join employees from Joy Cone, Sharon Tube, and CCL Container as they share their experiences and insight of the world of manufacturing. Learn about this exciting industry and determine if this could be the career choice for you.

Discussion/Questions

1. One employee from Joy Cone Co. said that she was happy knowing that the products she makes put a smile on a child's face. What products do you think you might enjoy making each day? Why did you choose these products?
2. Manufacturing includes a variety of different aspects; some mechanical, some artistic and some that require skilled handiwork. Which aspect of manufacturing do you think would be the best fit for you? What skills do you possess that you feel would make you most qualified for a position such as this?
3. Teamwork is very important in manufacturing. There are many different people that work together to create and bring the product to the consumer. What are some important skills that would be necessary to have efficient teamwork on a daily basis? What conflict resolution skills would be most effective when problems do arise?

Activities

1. What major manufacturing companies do you have within your own community? What products do they produce? How large is their business? Research local manufacturing companies. Find out where they distribute their products to, what customers they sell their products to and how much business they do annually. Do they offer entry level positions? If so, are there any requirements that must be met before you could begin working for them? Share your findings with the class.
2. Many of the jobs in manufacturing that offer great salaries, benefits and are most in-demand right now are in the technical or mechanical departments. Determine some of the specific mechanical or engineering jobs that are required to run a manufacturing warehouse. What are the starting salaries offered? How high is the demand for these jobs? Are companies offering extra benefits to entice employees to enter this field? What education is required? What are the daily responsibilities/tasks of an employee in this field? Find the answers to these questions to gain a better understanding of this area in manufacturing. Do any of these positions seem like they may be of interest to you?
3. Contact a local manufacturing company. Ask to speak to someone within the profession you are interested in pursuing. Prepare a list of several questions that you would like answered about this career. Focus more on questions that talk about real-time experiences, as well as the good and bad qualities of their daily activities and interactions. What advice can this person provide to someone in your position who is interested in pursuing a career in this field? Share your findings with your classmates.

Academic Standards

13.1.11.B. Analyze career options based on personal interests, abilities, aptitudes, achievements and goals.

13.3.11.C. Evaluate conflict resolution skills as they relate to the workplace: Constructive criticism, Group dynamics, Managing/leadership, Mediation, Negotiation, Problem solving

13.1.11.F. Analyze the relationship between career choices and career preparation opportunities, such as, but not limited to: Associate degree, Baccalaureate degree, Certificate/licensure, Entrepreneurship, Immediate part/full time employment, Industry training, Military training, Professional degree, Registered apprenticeship, Tech Prep, Vocational rehabilitation centers

13.2.11.E. Demonstrate, in the career acquisition process, the application of essential workplace skills/knowledge, such as, but not limited to: Commitment, Communication, Dependability, Health/safety, Laws and regulations (that is Americans With Disabilities Act, child labor laws, Fair Labor Standards Act, OSHA, Material Safety Data Sheets), Personal initiative, Self-advocacy, Scheduling/time management, Team building, Technical literacy, Technology

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