THE BEST INTERNSHIP IN AMERICA

Chef Madison Butler, Chef Madi for short, has been named the 2019 "Summer by Rail" intern, which will take her on a 50-day cross country trip across America by train. This year, the focus is on food destinations with a special focus on great food you can reach by train and public transportation. During this year's trip, Chef Madi will sample regional cuisines, get behind the scenes in some great kitchens, and meet interesting people from Maine to California through a variety of routes, including Amtrak's *Downeaster, Acela Express, Northeast Regional, Crescent, City of New Orleans, Southwest Chief, Carolinian, Sunset Limited,* and *Coast Starlight*.

She is a graduate of Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts. She is passionate about creating fun menus that preserve artisanal methods while experimenting with new flavors. Hailing from the Bluegrass State, Madison is an advocate for sustainable agriculture and food accessibility. She completed training under Austin chefs Amy March, Paul Qui, and Gregory Dishman, and has since pursued a variety of consultant and private chef roles internationally. When she isn't assembling food trucks, tweaking software and training fry cooks, she can be found in friends' restaurants. Madison also volunteers to prepare food for various groups and shelters to assist those who struggle with food security.

Chef Madi's call to join the Rail Passenger Association was brought on by her interest in transportation by rail. After her childhood in Kentucky where public transit services are limited, she has gone on to ride internationally. She has continued her passion by trying to find rail routes to and from her culinary events and is deeply appreciative to do so now with this new experience. By fusing rail culture and food culture, she hopes to provide insight on accessible, sustainable experiences with each community's special charm and individual transit needs.

About the Rail Passengers Association: The Rail Passengers Association is a nonprofit organization that works to expand and enhance train service in order to create "A Connected America" where all of us, rich or poor, rural or urban, are linked together. Rail Passengers works to rebuild our country's infrastructure through public-private partnerships, and by amplifying the voice and influence of the American rail passenger giving them the power to improve transportation options in their communities.

ROUTE & SCHEDULE

SUMMER BY RAIL 2019

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- June 29
- July 1
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SUMMER BY RAIL- CONNECTING TRAVEL & FOOD

Our fourth year of Summer by Rail brings together something that every rail passenger loves - food and trains. With Chef Madi leading the way, Rail Passengers will showcase culinary flavors of cities across the U.S., and how easy it is to use intercity rail and transit to connect to each city's great restaurants and food scenes. During her trip, Chef Madi will be participating in a series of "stages" (pronounced stahzh-es, based on the French word "stagiaire," meaning apprentice), in which she will prepare dishes alongside some of the most inspiring local professional chefs. As Chef Madi travels and cooks her way through America, she'll also meet with other passengers, community members, local officials and of course, local business and restaurant owners to listen and share how passenger rail and other public transit services spur economic development. Chef Madi will be sharing her trip on www.SummerByRail.Com.

CITIES	DATES
Portland, ME	June 29
Boston, MA	July 1
Providence, RI	July 4
Wilmington, DE	July 5
New York, NY	July 7
Washington, DC	July 10
Charlotte, NC	July 13
Atlanta, GA	July 16
Meridian, MS	July 20
New Orleans, LA	July 22
Biloxi, MS	July 24
Greenwood, MS	July 26
Memphis, TN	July 28
Chicago, IL	July 30
Kansas City, MO	Aug 3
Albuquerque, NM	Aug 6
Flagstaff, AZ	Aug 8
Phoenix, AZ	Aug 9
Maricopa, AZ	Aug 13
Los Angeles, CA	Aug 13
San Francisco, CA	Aug 15