
VOLUNTEER YOUTH ART TEACHER POSITION DESCRIPTION



YOSEMITE
CONSERVANCY

Title: Volunteer Youth Art Teacher

Position Summary

The Youth Art Teacher will prepare for and implement the youth art program. This volunteer will be stationed at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center and teach between 2 and 3 sessions per day. The youth art teacher will be responsible for creating, and implementing age appropriate art classes, for ages 4-12. These sessions take place in the outdoors and incorporate Yosemite specific interpretive subjects. This teacher is expected to work 32 hours per week on a schedule determined by the art and nature center programs manager. Mandatory training is provided by Yosemite Conservancy and the National Park Service. The position is available for the month of August.

Duties and Responsibilities

The purpose of the youth art class program is to connect youth to Yosemite through art projects which relate to, focus on, or incorporate Yosemite specific interpretive information. This position includes engaging parents in conversation and sharing Yosemite Conservancy messaging in group situations. Responsibilities include:

- Preparing for, leading, and cleaning up after daily youth art projects
- Performing additional duties assigned by art and nature center staff related to the daily operation of the art center, including but not limited to teaching private classes to organized groups

Qualifications

The Conservancy seeks a volunteer who is friendly, approachable, and who thoroughly enjoys engaging youth through art. This volunteer should possess knowledge and experience in art as well as of Yosemite and Yosemite Conservancy's mission of education and stewardship in the park. At a minimum, applicants should meet the following requirements:

- Be 18 years of age and a US citizen
- Possess a high school or equivalent diploma (college coursework preferred), experience as a teacher in an educational institution a plus
- Have strong class management skills
- Have understanding of child development and use that knowledge to develop art activities that can be modified to satisfy the curiosity of ages 4-12 within the same art class
- Be friendly, outgoing, and professional
- Possess excellent customer service skills
- The ability to work independently, as well as with a team
- Have experience camping and living comfortably in a communal campground
- Be willing and able to work while standing or sitting in sunny, rainy, or dusty conditions
- Be able to lift boxes weighing approximately 25 pounds

- Have the ability to travel from campgrounds to worksites on foot, bike, or shuttle
- Possess the ability to manage a group of diverse participants in the out of doors

Training Requirements

- Upon acceptance to the program, all emailed training materials from the Conservancy must be read and studied.
- Training by Conservancy and NPS personnel on the day following campground check-in is mandatory.
- Additional training required by NPS, the concessioner, DNC, and/or Conservancy staff specific to the art center and the youth art program is mandatory.
- Utilizing and building upon existing resources including a binder of possible projects and park interpretive materials is expected.

Position Status: Seasonal Volunteer

Work Hours: Minimum of 32 hours

Supervisors: Yosemite Conservancy Volunteer Program Management and Yosemite Art Center Coordinator

Health Benefits: Federal Workers Compensation provided by the National Park Service