WISummer Camp Art Specialist

Job Title	*WISummer Camp Art Specialist*
Reports To	*Director of Extended Learning; Camp Director*
FLSA Status	*Exempt*

Job Summary

The WISummer Camp Art Specialist leads engaging, hands-on art programming that inspires creativity, self-expression, and artistic exploration for campers of all ages. This role is responsible for planning and facilitating a wide range of art projects, with a particular focus on pottery and ceramics, and for safely operating and maintaining the camp's kiln. The Art Specialist creates a welcoming and inclusive studio environment where campers are encouraged to experiment, develop skills, and take creative risks.

This position includes dedicated pre-season preparation time to plan art rotations and projects. The Camp Art Specialist must be available for all six weeks of camp and required staff training.

Duties and Responsibilities

The WISummer Camp Art Specialist will:

- Plan and lead age-appropriate, hands-on art activities and rotations for campers of varying ages and skill levels.
- Teach a variety of art techniques and media, including drawing, painting, mixed media, pottery, and ceramics.
- Safely operate, monitor, and maintain the camp's kiln, following all safety and operational guidelines.
- Prepare materials and set up art spaces for daily activities; ensure proper cleanup and organization after each session.
- Create an inclusive and encouraging environment that supports creativity, self-expression, and confidence.
- Instruct campers on the safe and responsible use of art tools and materials.
- Maintain inventory of art supplies and communicate needs to camp leadership.
- Collaborate with counselors and camp leadership to coordinate schedules and integrate art programming into the broader camp experience.
- Adapt projects as needed to accommodate different ages, abilities, and learning styles.
- Participate in staff training and pre-season planning meetings.
- Complete approximately 5-10 hours of pre-season preparation to develop art rotations and lesson plans.
- Serve as a positive role model by demonstrating patience, creativity, and respect.

- Perform other duties as assigned to support overall camp operations.

Qualifications

- Previous experience teaching or leading art activities with children in a camp, school, or studio setting.
- Experience with pottery and ceramics, including kiln operation, required.
- Knowledge of age-appropriate art instruction and classroom/studio management.
- Strong organizational, communication, and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to maintain a safe, structured, and inspiring art environment.
- Reliable, responsible, and enthusiastic about working with children.
- Flexibility and adaptability in a fast-paced camp setting.

Schedule & Commitment

- Must be available for **all 6 weeks of camp** and required staff training.
- Must be available in May for 5-10 hours of pre-season work.
- Schedule aligns with camp-day programming, **8:00am to 3:30pm.**

Working Conditions

Working primarily in a school setting that includes climate-controlled classrooms and outside weather conditions permitting.

Physical Requirements

To perform the duties of this job, the employee must have the ability to sit and stand for extended periods of time; exhibit manual dexterity to enter data into a computer; to see and read a computer screen and printed material with or without vision aids; hear and understand speech at normal levels, outdoors and on the telephone; speak in audible tones so that others may understand clearly, outdoors and on the telephone; physical agility to lift up to 50 pounds; and to bend, stoop, climb stairs and reach overhead.

Direct Reports

Summer campers

Approved by:	*Caroline Wood, Director of Human Resources*
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