
**YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY
VOLUNTEER YOUTH ART TEACHER POSITION DESCRIPTION**



TITLE: Volunteer Youth Art Teacher
SUPERVISORS: Art Center Coordinator
WORK HOURS: Minimum of 32 hours

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 the arts. 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 an 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 and the ability to work independently, and a commitment to teamwork
- 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
- Ability to travel from campgrounds to worksites on foot, bike, or shuttle
- Possess the ability to manage a group of diverse participants in the outdoors

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- Upon acceptance to the program, all emailed training materials from the Conservancy must be read and studied
- Training by Art and Nature Center staff on the day of campground check-in is mandatory
- Utilizing and building upon existing resources including a binder of possible projects and park interpretive materials is expected.