

Volunteer Art Instructor

Reports to: Director of Art Programs **Work Hours:** Minimum of 32 hours

The Volunteer Art Instructor will prepare and implement outdoor art classes in the medium of their choice. This volunteer will be stationed at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center and teach art classes Monday through Friday from 9:00am – 1:00pm. This teacher is expected to work 32 hours per week on a schedule determined by the Director of Art Programs. Mandatory training is provided by Yosemite Conservancy and the National Park Service. This position is available for a minimum of 1 week and a maximum of 2 weeks.

Who We Are

We're passionate about Yosemite — and about helping all people connect with, learn about, and take care of the park. As a member of the Conservancy team, you'll be making a difference for Yosemite every day. We work together to provide enriching visitor programs and services, and to support projects that protect wildlife, restore trails and habitat, advance scientific research, inspire visitors, and much more.

What You'll Do

The purpose of this position is to connect visitors to Yosemite through observation and the practice of art through a guided art experience. This position includes engaging visitors in conversations and sharing Yosemite Conservancy messaging in group situations. Responsibilities include:

- Preparing for, leading, and cleaning up after art classes, Monday through Friday.
- Performing additional duties assigned by Art Programs staff related to the daily operation of the art classes.

Who You Are / Keys to Success

The Conservancy seeks a volunteer who is friendly, approachable, and who thoroughly enjoys engaging visitors through the arts. This volunteer should possess knowledge and experience in fine art medium(s) as well as 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)
- Have strong class management skills
- 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 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 outdoors
- Have experience teaching art classes to diverse groups, expert facilitation of art classes is expected
- Have experience as an artist and extensive knowledge of your medium
- Have a genuine interest in connecting people to Yosemite through art and education

Training Requirements

- Upon acceptance to the program, all emailed training materials from the Conservancy must be read and studied
- Training by the Art Programs staff upon the weekend of check-in is mandatory