



Volunteer Youth Art Instructor

Reports to: Director of Art Programs

Work Hours: Minimum of 32 hours

The Youth Art Instructor is responsible for creating and teaching art classes for ages 4-12. This volunteer will be stationed at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center and teach 2 - 3 classes per day. These classes take place outdoors and incorporate educational topics about Yosemite National Park. Mandatory training is provided by Yosemite Conservancy and the National Park Service. This position is available during August only.

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

This position connects 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 youth art classes, Monday through Thursday.
- Any additional duties assigned by Art Programs staff related to the daily operation of the art center, including teaching private classes to organized youth groups.

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 have knowledge and experience in basic art medium(s) and 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
- High school or equivalent diploma (college coursework preferred); teaching experience is a plus
- Have strong class management skills
- Understand child development and develop activities that can satisfy the curiosity of ages 4-12 within the same 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
- 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

Training Requirements

- Upon acceptance to the program, all emailed training materials from the Conservancy must be read and studied
- Attend training provided by the Art Programs staff
- Utilize and build upon existing resources including a collection of possible projects and educational park topics