
YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY ARTIST IN RESIDENCE/ART INSTRUCTOR POSITION DESCRIPTION



Title: Volunteer Art Instructor

Position Summary

The Volunteer Art Instructor will prepare and implement daily plein air art classes in the medium of their choice, throughout various locations in the Yosemite Valley. This volunteer will be stationed at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center and teach art classes Monday through Saturday from 10:00am – 2:00pm, with a one-hour break for lunch. These sessions take place in the outdoors and incorporate Yosemite specific interpretive subjects and views. This teacher is expected to work 32 hours per week on a schedule determined by the Art Center coordinator. Mandatory training is provided by Yosemite Conservancy and the National Park Service. The position is available for a minimum of 1 week and a maximum of 2 weeks.

Duties and Responsibilities

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

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

Qualifications

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 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)
- 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 out of doors
- 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 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 Volunteer Art Instructor is mandatory.

Position Status: Seasonal Volunteer

Work Hours: Minimum of 32 hours

Supervisors: Yosemite Conservancy Volunteer Program Management and Art Center Coordinator

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