



## **SUMMER ART INSTRUCTOR POSITION DESCRIPTION**

### **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Camp Aranzazu seeks someone with art teaching experience to supervise our summer fine arts program from mid-May through mid-August 2019. The Art Instructor will ensure that Camp Aranzazu provides an intentional, expressive, and safe environment for children with special medical, physical, emotional, and/or social needs to create and experience fine arts. Camp sessions include day camp sessions, as well as residential sessions that last from one to six nights.

**REPORTS TO:** Camp Director

### **SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Implement and teach art lessons to campers with varying physical, cognitive, and social abilities. (Lesson plans will be provided by the camp.)
- Help campers work towards their goals through the use of fine arts. These goals can include development of fine and gross motor skills, fine motor skills, coping, self-awareness, self-confidence, social thinking, leisure education, etc.
- Ensure Activity Leaders\* understand lesson plans and how to support campers while in the Art Center
- Provide leadership and direction for our Art Program while utilizing the help of Activity Leaders\*
- Work onsite in the Art Center and surrounding areas for 15 – 30 hours a week with a varying schedule Monday – Friday, schedule will be made in advance.
- Be available to work several hours over two weekends between June and August.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

- Minimum Associate's Degree, Preferred Bachelor's Degree
- Experience teaching multiple grade levels/ability levels
- Have the ability to problem solve, make appropriate assessment, and take action in managing risk in the Art Center
- Have the ability to, or willingness to learn how to lead campers with special needs in a residential setting, including monitoring and managing behavior and implementing art activities
- Have a passion for teaching art, the environment, and working with children and adults with special needs
- Have the ability to instruct summer Activity Leaders on the basics of Art education and manage a small team in the Art Center

### **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- Understanding of the basic benefits of Art activities and applying those to our campers
- Specialized experience in teaching art to children or adults with special needs

- Experience working with children and/or youth in a camp setting or related setting
- Knowledge in maintaining and updating resources in the Art Center

### **CAMP GOALS**

- To enrich the lives of children and adults with special needs through unique camping, environmental studies, retreat experiences and other programs
- To provide a safe, inclusive, inspiring, and educational experience for campers of all abilities
- To help children and adults with special needs and their families develop self-confidence, independence, positive coping skills, expression, and to form successful networks of support with one another and their communities through different forms of art

### **PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF THE JOB**

- Visual and auditory ability to respond to environmental and other hazards related to Art Center/Art Activities. Requires the ability to visually observe campers' activity and to verbally communicate and aurally hear campers' replies
- Ability to lift and transfer a minimum of 30 lbs, with or without reasonable accommodations
- Ability to be on your feet for several hours at a time assisting campers in their projects
- Ability to clean, maintain, and suggestion improvements for Art Center and its resources
- Ability to traverse 104 acres with or without reasonable accommodations
- Cognitive and communication abilities to conduct activities to achieve camper development objectives
- Ability to observe camper, volunteer and staff behavior - assess for appropriateness, while enforcing appropriate safety regulations, emergency procedures and applying appropriate behavior management techniques

**\*Activity Leaders are 15 to 18 young adults, mostly ages 18 to 24, who are hired each summer to facilitate various programs and activities.**