



Lead Artist: Dance/Movement – SPARK in the Park!

Job Description

Required Dates: July 18-22 and July 25-29

Pay Rate: \$25/hour, approximately 20 hours per week

Program Description

From color studies and nature compositions to music and movement, your young artist's creative world will expand and unfold through artistic exposure and hands-on experience. Each child rotates through at least three artistic mediums including, but not limited to, dance + movement, art + nature, visual art, and more. Join us this summer for SPARK in the Park! at the Park District's beautiful Nicholas Conservatory, Rose Garden, and Sea Scout Lodge on the Rock River.

Lead Artist Description

The Lead Artist instructor for dance + movement will work with elementary-age children in the development of the basic skills associated with the practice of dance and an introduction to choreography; the lead artist will use the Arts Council's theme, 'here and now', to develop a meaningful, challenging, and creative final dance production. Camp-end expectations of the Lead Artist: SPARK in the Park! campers will develop the basic knowledge of body rhythm and movement associated with the practice of dance; campers will present the culmination of their skill-building in the form of a final performance.

Responsibilities

- Develop an engaging and developmentally appropriate dance/movement curriculum for students that result in a culminating performance; Develop daily exercises to support the development of a basic understanding of the art of dance
- Create a positive learning environment to ensure all students can be successful
- Manage Assistant Artist(s): Provide direction and clear expectations
- Create a safe environment: Establish rules and behavior expectations that protect children physically, emotionally, and mentally
- Demonstrate respect to the youth in your attitude and behavior toward students and staff
- Supervise students at all times; students are not to be left alone. Communicate with the site manager about bathroom rules, dismissal procedures, emergency procedures, etc.
- Be willing to perform other duties, as needed, in unexpected or emergency situations
- Conduct yourself professionally in dress and behavior

Qualifications/Requirements

- 3-5 years dance/movement experience
- 2-3 years of experience working with students/youth
- Must have personal transportation to get to and from the program site
- Must pass a background check, facilitated by the Rockford Area Arts Council

Expectations

- The Lead Artist reports to the Rockford Area Arts Council Program Coordinator
- The Lead Artist is responsible for the development of the curriculum, approved by the Program Coordinator, before the beginning of camp
- The Lead Artist is responsible for checking in campers and dismissing campers
- The Lead Artist must submit an Assistant Artist evaluation at camp-end

Arts Council Mission

The Rockford Area Arts Council supports, promotes, and develops access to the arts for everyone.