

Summer Camp Teacher at Children's Fairyland

Children's Fairyland is America's first storybook theme park, located on the shores of Lake Merritt in the heart of Oakland. Since 1950, we've been the premier low-tech, high-touch fantasy playground for children to create, imagine, play, and learn. Our summer day camp offers week-long sessions from June 13th through August 12th (with no camp the week of July 4th through July 8th). Fairyland is seeking innovative and enthusiastic summer camp teachers who can commit to all eight weeks.

Duties and Responsibilities

Under general supervision of the camp director, teachers are expected to provide leadership and supervision for children ages five (entering kindergarten) through ten. Daily responsibilities include engaging the children in creative activities and ensuring a safe, respectful, and fun environment. Teachers are expected to participate in park exploration, pretend, play creation and practice, craft projects, and workshops with the animal, plant, and puppet specialists. Every week culminates in a performance on Friday afternoon, during which each group performs an original short play developed by the children with adult guidance. Teachers also oversee the children during sign-in, snack time, lunch time, chill-out time, and sign-out. All teachers must be able to work Monday through Friday for the full eight weeks of camp. Camp has 36 children per session, with three groups of twelve children organized by age. Each group is led by two teachers, who work as partners all week. This is an "on the go" job for people who are high-energy and can spend eight hours a day in the sun. The teachers and director make up a close-knit team.

Job Description:

- ❖ Co-teach and supervise groups of twelve campers for eight hour days for eight weeks.
- ❖ Promote an environment that is safe for campers and staff (both physically and emotionally), inclusive, conducive to learning, and developmentally appropriate.
- ❖ Work collaboratively with other camp staff to build a strong team, model respectful behavior, and communicate with directness and consideration.
- ❖ Participate in hilarious Friday performances that are developed through Fairyland's own Play Creation Vision, in which all staff are trained.
- ❖ Be familiar with and adhere to operations, policies and procedures of Children's Fairyland, and ask clarifying questions when policies are not understood.
- ❖ Monitor all camp equipment and supplies so as not to invade the general public space and safety, keeping in mind that the park is open every day of camp.
- ❖ Participate in three mandatory training days, set for May 28th, June 4th, and June 11th. If you cannot participate in these days, we cannot consider you for the position.

Qualifications:

- ❖ At least one year of college required; B.A. preferred.
- ❖ Experience working with diverse groups of children as a teacher or leader required.
- ❖ Drama or performance experience and/or a passion for pretend and imagination required.
- ❖ Previous camp experience preferred.
- ❖ Respect for children and co-workers are a must. We seek excellent communication skills and a sense of humor!

For the right candidate, Fairyland is a fun and relaxing place to work. We are an equal opportunity employer and welcome applicants of all backgrounds. This is a seasonal position, and a background check is required for employment.

Salary: DOE

Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM (an eight hour shift within those hours)

To Apply:

Email: education@fairylnd.org

Subject: Summer Camp Teacher

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FAX: 510-452-2261
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Thank you for your interest in Children's Fairyland!