

Position: Teacher, Summer Camp, Oakland Children's Fairyland
Reports to: Education Director

About Us

Children's Fairyland is a non-profit fairytale-themed park dedicated to providing a magical fantasy world where young children can create, imagine, play, and learn. The 10 acre park opened in 1950 and provides a way for children to learn through fairy tales, storybook sets, play-acting, gentle rides, arts and crafts, animals, puppet theatre and children's theatre programs. Fairyland serves over 220,000 guests per year, Children's Fairyland is a valuable community resource that promotes literacy and celebrates diversity.

About the Position

The summer camp program runs from June 12, 2017 through August 11, 2017 with a week off from July 3-7, 2017. There are 3 mandatory training days on May 27, June 3, and June 10. **If you cannot participate in these days, we cannot consider you for the position.**

Teachers are expected to provide leadership and supervision for children ages 5 (entering kindergarten) through 10. They lead 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. 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.

Responsibilities

- Co-teach and supervise groups of twelve campers for eight hours a day for eight weeks.
- Promote an environment that is safe, respectful, and fun 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.
- Oversee children during sign-in, snack time, lunch time, chill-out time, and sign-out.
- Be familiar with and adhere to operations, policies and procedures of Children's Fairyland,
- 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.

Education and Experience

- Minimum 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.

Personal Qualifications

- Respect for children and co-workers is a must.
- Excellent communication skills and a sense of humor!
- High-energy person who can spend 8 hours a day in the sun.
- Team player, dedicated, responsible, reliable, problem solver.

Pay and Hours

- This is a seasonal position.
- Must work Monday through Friday, 8 hours per day between the hours of 8am to 6pm for the full 8 weeks of camp.
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check prior to employment.
- Salary DOE

To Apply

No phone calls please. Please include a cover letter and current resume in the body of the email addressed to: Email: education@fairyland.org, Subject: Summer Camp Teacher