



Summer Camp Create: Junior Counselor Volunteer Opportunity

ABOUT ARTSCOPE

It is the Mission of Artscope to provide a safe and educational environment for children to explore the Arts and to strengthen the ties within the Saint Louis community.

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

Artscope's teaching philosophy centers around the development of creative skills in young people. At Artscope we believe that creativity is a skill that can be developed with practice, not a special talent a child either has or doesn't have.

We believe ALL children are creative, and what they need to express their creativity is an opportunity to practice the creative skills that art-making teaches in a supportive and failure-free environment.

By encouraging children to develop an artistic idea and follow it through to a conclusion, using whatever materials and resources are available, we help them build confidence in their own creative abilities.

We also believe in the power of play and the benefits of immersion in nature. At Artscope, children spend as much time outdoors as the weather allows, exploring their surroundings, inventing new games, and connecting with friends. Artscope is also a technology-free zone, a rare space in our modern world.

POSITION

Artscope is seeking qualified Junior Counselors with a passion for working with young people. In 2021, Artscope will expand to TWO locations, both in Tower Grove Park. We'll do a total of 9 weeks at our Cottage at Arsenal and Center Cross Drive, plus 3 additional weeks from July 19-August 6 at the Stupp Center, inside the park at the corner of Grand and Arsenal. We'll need great Junior Counselors at BOTH locations! **Note: there is no camp the week of July 5th-9th.* Junior Counselors sign-up by the week. Multiple weeks are welcome! Shifts are 8:45a-3:15p at the Cottage and 8:15-3:15 at the Stupp Center.

Reporting to the Artscope Program Director, Junior Counselors are in a leadership position acting as role models for younger campers, while practicing Artscope's core values of Creativity, Intentional Inclusivity, Environmental Harmony, Collaborative Opportunities, Visionary Play and Self-actualization.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Work collaboratively with staff and other Junior Counselors to lead a small mixed age group of 7-10 campers through their daily camp activities
2. Act as a role model for campers and maintain a positive attitude
3. Respect and demonstrate Artscope's mission, core values, and expectations
4. Help create an environment that supports success of each child
5. Help maintain a clean and welcoming space
6. Track service hours and relay to staff after completion

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

1. Must be entering 9th Grade or above in the 2021-22 school year
2. Experience or interest in working with children grades K-6th
3. Interest in art, outdoor activities, and/or ecology and a love for summer camp.
4. Punctuality and timely response to written and oral communication with Artscope staff
5. Available M-F 8:45a-3:15p at the Cottage or 8:15-3:15 at the Stupp Center the week or weeks assigned
6. **IMPORTANT:** The safety of our staff, campers and their families in the ongoing pandemic is our top priority. Summer Camp Create staff, including Junior Counselors, will be required to adhere to all current Covid-19 CDC and City of St. Louis guidelines for summer camp providers that are in effect between June 1-August 6, 2021. This may require daily temperature checks and health screenings, mask-wearing both inside and outside when social distancing is not possible, and frequent hand-washing and disinfection of camp areas. **Please do not apply if you and your family are not willing to adhere to any and all CDC and City of St. Louis guidelines.**

SERVICE HOURS

This position is volunteer. Artscope will provide a letter noting the total number of service hours completed that will be emailed to the Junior Counselor at the end of Summer Camp Create.

Junior Counselor Application: <https://forms.gle/j5FtjMamHrGNLQK4A>

Send questions to Carrie Keasler, Program Director, carrie.keasler@artscopestl.org