



**Mission:** *BlackRock Center for the Arts brings inspiring, performing and visual arts experiences to diverse audiences in a welcoming and intimate setting, providing opportunities to explore, celebrate and engage in the arts.*

**POSITION TITLE:** Visual Art Instructor for Half Day Summer Camp  
**REPORTS TO:** Jason DeMarchi, Director of Education and Community Engagement  
**JOB TYPE:** Temporary

BlackRock Center for the Arts in Germantown, MD engages the community to explore, experience and celebrate the arts. BlackRock is currently seeking a talented, motivated and experienced visual arts instructor to run the afternoon art session for our half-day camp during designated weeks. These weeks include June 17-June 21, June 24-28, July 8-12, and July 29-August 2. Candidate must be available for all of the weeks listed, however camper enrollment minimums must be in order for camp to move forward. Camps may be cancelled if enrollment minimums are not met. Camp runs from 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM with some planning time before camp begins.

**MAJOR PURPOSE OF THIS JOB:**

BlackRock’s Visual Arts Instructor will create and develop visual art projects and lessons for campers each week for BlackRock’s Sports Meets the Arts Camp, a collaboration with the Maryland Soccerplex. Projects should be engaging and include various visual art styles, mediums, and genres. Instructor will work with and supervise additional camp staff to ensure the safety of campers and Counselors in Training (CITs) while engaging campers in fun and educational arts activities.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Supervise the planning, operations, discipline, and implementation of our half-day visual arts camp.
- Create and develop educational, engaging, and interesting art projects that will introduce campers to a variety of art styles, mediums, influences, etc.

- Plan projects that are an effective use of materials. A limited budget is available, however instructor should be thoughtful and resourceful when submitting material requests.
- Supervise campers in daily activities camp activities and demonstrate enthusiasm for all aspects of the camp program.
- Ensure a safe and secure environment for all camp staff and campers in the camp space.
- Maintain fun, artistic, engaging, inclusive, supportive, appropriate, productive learning environments for all students and staff.
- Supervise, mentor and support additional camp staff including Counselors in Training (CITs).
- Maintain clear communication with fellow staff members including the Director of Education and Community Engagement and Soccerplex staff.
- Enforce all guidelines and rules of our programming and spaces.
- Take time to get to know all participants. Learn and support any special needs for specific campers. Adjust lessons and projects if needed so all can participate including campers with special needs.
- Model behavior expected of students and staff.
- Communicate with parents about any issues that happened at camp including conflicts, injuries, or behavior problems with campers.
- Report to the Director of Education and Community Engagement and be consistent in communication about progress, issues and concerns.
- Participate in pre-camp meetings to discuss camp set-up as well as regular meetings during the camp session to debrief necessary information.
- Perform other duties requested by the Director of Education and Community Engagement.

#### **EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, AND SKILL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must be 18 years of age or older with college degree. Bachelor's degree or higher preferred with a focus on early childhood education, teaching, and the arts.
- Must have extensive previous experience working with children in grades K-5, summer camp experience a plus.
- Must have extensive experience teaching visual arts and creating art projects for kids.
- Excellent judgment and demonstrated ability to be responsible and reliable.
- Ability to work in a team-based environment.
- Ability to work off-site without direct supervision.
- Ability to be organized and adaptable.
- Very strong classroom management skills.
- Excellent oral communication and interpersonal skills with strong problem-solving experience. This includes the ability to talk to parents about their campers and camp activities.

- Ability to be enthusiastic and maintain a positive attitude.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must commit to working all of the available weeks of camp listed above.
- Must be willing to be fingerprinted and have a full federal and state background check performed.
- Must be willing to participate in First Aid and CPR training held here at BlackRock for camp staff.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Please send your cover letter and resume to Jason DeMarchi, Director of Education and Community Engagement at [jdemarchi@blackrockcenter.org](mailto:jdemarchi@blackrockcenter.org). Please specify in your cover letter previous teaching, summer camp, and visual arts experience.

**No phone calls please.**

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