

## **Summer with Westerly**

### **Our Mission:**

**Westerly** School develops the whole child through a challenging and stimulating program in an inclusive and diverse community. We ignite within each child a lifelong love of learning by encouraging them to discover their full and unique potential every single day. Our students develop a true sense of self through meaningful opportunities for self-expression, service, and character development. Westerly graduates are leaders, helpers, and creators today and in the future.

### **Whom we are looking for:**

Westerly is seeking a dynamic **Art Program Teacher (Rising 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th)** for the Discovery Summer Program who is passionate about hands-on education with a special love of art.

### **Our Summer Program**

#### **Discovery (Rising 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th)**

The “Discovery” Art Program Teacher will host morning and afternoon workshops. With both morning and afternoon workshops available students will be immersed in hands-on learning, exploring big questions and applying real skills that build connection and deepen their understanding.

### **Class Descriptions:**

#### **Inkvasion: Comic Book & Graphic Novel Camp**

Welcome to Inkvasion, where young aspiring artists embark on an exciting journey into the captivating world of visual storytelling! In this immersive summer program, participants will delve into the dynamic realm of comic book & graphic novel creation, unleashing their creativity and honing their artistic skills under the guidance of experienced instructors.

Throughout the duration of the camp, campers will be introduced to the fundamental principles of story creation, from character design to panel layout, and storytelling techniques. Through a series of engaging workshops and hands-on activities, they will learn how to craft compelling narratives, develop unique characters, and construct visually dynamic panels that bring their stories to life.

By the end of the program, campers will emerge with a deeper appreciation for the art of comics, as well as a tangible creation of their own—a unique comic book or graphic novel that showcases their creativity, imagination, and newfound skills.

### **Dimensional Dreamers: Sculpture and 3D Art Camp**

Welcome to Sculpture and 3D Art Camp, where young artists are invited to unleash their imagination and explore the captivating world of three-dimensional creativity! This dynamic summer program offers participants the opportunity to delve into the exciting realm of sculpture, using a variety of materials and techniques to bring their artistic visions to life.

Throughout the camp, campers will have the opportunity to experiment with a diverse range of materials, including clay, paper, cardboard, wire, and recycled materials. Guided by experienced instructors, they will learn a variety of techniques such as molding, carving, modeling, and building armatures, gaining a comprehensive understanding of the tools and methods used in three-dimensional artistry.

By the end of the program, campers will emerge with a deeper appreciation for the art of sculpture, as well as a diverse portfolio of three-dimensional artworks that showcase their creativity, technical skill, and unique artistic voice.

### **Brush Magic: Painting Camp**

Welcome Brush Magic, a haven for young artists eager to dive into the colorful realm of painting! Here, imagination knows no bounds as participants embark on an exhilarating journey of artistic exploration and self-expression. Our camp is meticulously crafted to inspire creativity, foster skill development, and cultivate a deep appreciation for the visual arts.

Budding artists will embark on a captivating odyssey through various painting styles, from traditional to contemporary. Under the guidance of seasoned instructors, campers will delve into the fundamental principles of art, learning about color theory, composition, perspective, and more. Through hands-on practice and engaging lessons, they'll develop a solid foundation in the techniques and concepts essential to creating captivating works of art.

But Painting Camp is not just about mastering technical skills—it's about embracing the joy of creation and discovering one's unique artistic voice. Campers will experiment with different mediums, such as acrylics, watercolors, and mixed media, allowing them to unleash their creativity and explore new possibilities.

By the end of the program, campers will not only have developed their technical skills and artistic vision but also gained a newfound confidence in their ability to express themselves creatively. Whether they're painting a vivid landscape, capturing the essence of a portrait, or experimenting with abstract forms, campers will leave Painting Camp with a deeper appreciation for the power of art to inspire, connect, and transform lives.

The Camp Art Teacher will teach each of the classes above twice per day. Once in the morning and once in the afternoon. The groups will be divided by rising grade. 3rd/4th and 5th - 8th. Meaning they will design one class and scaffold the learning to meet the needs of the two different age groups.

Additionally, they will develop lesson plans and activities for each course that aligns with the above descriptions and then repeat the courses from weeks 1-3 during weeks 4-6.

**Dates:**

Week 1: July 8 - 12

Inkvasion: Comic Book & Graphic Novel Camp

Week 2: July 15 - 19

Dimensional Dreamers: Sculpture and 3D Art Camp

Week 3: July 22 - 26

Brush Magic: Painting Camp

Week 4: July 29 - August 2

Inkvasion: Comic Book & Graphic Novel Camp

Week 5: August 5 - 9

Dimensional Dreamers: Sculpture and 3D Art Camp

Week 6: August 12 - 16

Brush Magic: Painting Camp

**Baseline Qualifications:**

- **Minimum** of 1-3 years experience working with children in an educational and or camp setting - classroom teaching strongly preferred.
- Availability for all 6 weeks of camp.
- Professional and collaborative demeanor with strong self-confidence and initiative.
- Motivation to grow as an educational professional.
- Strong classroom management skills
- Ability to establish rapport with families, children, and colleagues
- Excellent communicator (written and verbal)
- Love of children, and ready to have some fun

## **Responsibilities include:**

- Develop and deliver student-centered lesson plans and supplementary materials that compliment the course description.
- Implement classroom routines, norms, and best practices.
- Provide guidance, energy and camp spirit for campers, constantly assessing group dynamics and the needs of individual campers
- Encourage creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills in campers.
- Foster a love for learning through hands-on activities, projects, and interactive experiences.
- Provide safe and engaging classroom management techniques, creating a culture of creativity and joy.
- Document, Document, Document. Specifically the lesson plans and activities that your creativity brings to reality.
- Communicate frequently with camp director around student success, areas for growth and general programming.

Duties will include approximately 15-30 hours of class preparation (lesson plan development, creating material lists, and classroom preparation). Roughly 200 hours of on-campus time 8:00 - 3:30 (Mon - Friday for 6 weeks). Lunch break provided from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Compensation range is based on experience. \$5,500 - \$6,300 for the entirety of the project. (all 6 weeks, prep time and on-campus time included)

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