About Coyote
Coyote is a youth arts organization in the Central District, teaching hands-on workshops to students ages 10-15. Our summer programming runs on a weekly basis from July 10 to September 1. Some of the welding and woodworking classes we run include: lighting design, furniture design, metal fabrication, metal sculpture, pet house design, and gravity-powered racers. Our student artists gain real-world shop skills and build one-of-a-kind creations with the help of our Teaching Artists and Shop Assistants.

Position Description
Summer Shop Assistant

The Shop Assistant is compensated for their time and expertise and asked to support the Teaching Artist in hands-on ways in the classroom. The Shop Assistant is responsible for working with small groups of youth, reviewing demos for students, and ensuring that students are safe with equipment. Due to the potentially dangerous and hands-on nature of our shop classes, the shop assistant must have prior experience with the powertools in the wood and/or metal shop. It is the Teaching Assistant’s responsibility to support our mission-based methodology of open-ended dialogue with students to encourage problem solving and reflection. The Shop Assistant must be willing to suspend their own opinions in order to give free reign to the youth’s perspective.

Responsibilities

- Support Teaching Artist in daily classes, including active hands-on work with youth
- Provide an extra set of hands in demonstrations or group activities
- Independently oversee small groups of actively working students
- Model active listening, curiosity and leadership to students
- Help with clean up, set-up and transitions
- Help identify and assist students who may need extra support
- Engage youth with open-ended questions to guide them in critical thinking and finding possible solutions on their own
- Monitor students’ activity and ensure that they are using equipment safely and as instructed
Qualifications

- Proficiency with hand tools and power tools within the wood and/or metal shop.
- Ability to safely operate all tools in the shop.
- Willingness to work as a member of a team, taking cues from the Teaching Artist
- Prior experience working with young people in a leadership capacity (*preferred not required*)
- Competency listening to and problem-solving with students of diverse backgrounds
- Ability to initiate conversation with youth rather than waiting for youth to come to you
- Personal integrity and a passion for enriching the lives of youth through creativity

Commitment

We ask that our youth shop assistants commit to attending ALL sessions of each 20-hour course. Summer classes meet for 5 consecutive days (M-F) for 4 hour sessions. A consistent presence fully integrates the Shop Assistant into the classroom, to help youth feel the freedom and safety to take creative risks.

Compensation

$25 per hour

Reports to

Marijke Keyser, Studio Manager

Summer Schedule:

Check out the list of weeks below:

**Welding Weeks:**
- Week 1: July 10-14 AM + PM
- Week 3: July 24-28 PM
- Week 4: July 31- Aug 4 AM
- Week 5: August 7-11 AM
- Week 6: August 14-18 PM
- Week 7: August 21-25 AM + PM
- Week 8: August 28- September 1 AM + PM

**Wood Weeks:**
- Week 1: July 10-14 AM + PM
- Week 2: July 17-21 PM
- Week 3: July 24-28 AM + PM
- Week 4: July 31- Aug 4 AM + PM
- Week 5: August 7-11 AM + PM
- Week 6: August 14-18 AM
- Week 7: August 21-25 AM + PM
- Week 8: August 28- September 1 AM + PM

To Apply:

Fill out the survey link on our website.

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