



Art in the Park Instructor: Ceramics (Summer Camp)

Organizational Overview

The Sharon Art Studio is San Francisco's largest public community art center, providing affordable and accessible youth and adult arts education programs. Located in Golden Gate Park, the Sharon Building is a historic facility operated by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department.

Friends of Sharon Art Studio (FOSAS) is an independent nonprofit organization that partners with the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department to deliver arts programming in fine arts, glass, jewelry and metal arts, folk crafts, and ceramics. FOSAS works with approximately 20 part-time instructors and offers a variety of classes and workshops year round.

Position Overview

The Art in the Park Ceramics Instructor is responsible for providing structured, safe, and engaging ceramics instruction to youth ages 11–17 as part of a public summer camp program. Instructors implement curriculum within established program guidelines and maintain a positive learning environment that supports skill development, creative exploration, and appropriate youth engagement.

This position requires participation in **both three-week camp sessions** and adherence to all applicable San Francisco Recreation and Park Department policies, safety procedures, and reporting requirements related to youth programming. Instructors work under the supervision of the **Summer Camp Coordinator** and collaborate with instructional staff to ensure consistent and high-quality program delivery.

Program Description

This half-day ceramics camp meets Monday through Thursday and is offered in **two separate three-week sessions**, with a one-week program break between sessions.. The program introduces participants to a range of ceramic techniques, including handbuilding, wheel throwing, surface texture, and glazing. Previous experience is not required. Campers must be able to follow multi-step instructions and participate safely in a shared studio environment.

All materials are provided as part of the program.



Daily Schedule (Monday–Thursday)

- **9:30–10:00 AM** Arrival and studio preparation
- **10:00 AM–12:00 PM** Instructional period
- **12:00–12:30 PM** Studio clean-up and transition/check-in with afternoon staff

Program Dates (Required)

- **Mandatory Staff Training:** June 3–5, 11:00 AM–3:00 PM
- **Camp Session One (3 weeks):** June 8–18
- **Camp Session Two (3 weeks):** July 6–23
- **Camp is Monday-Thursday**

Instructors are required to teach **both camp sessions**.

Major Duties and Responsibilities

- Plan and deliver age-appropriate ceramics instruction aligned with program goals and established curriculum guidelines
- Supervise and instruct up to **10 students per class**
- Maintain a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment consistent with youth development best practices
- Enforce studio safety procedures and ensure proper use of tools, materials, and equipment
- Organize and maintain the classroom to support safety, focus, and effective program operations
- Communicate professionally with participants and caregivers regarding program expectations, studio policies, and safety procedures
- Refer student concerns, incidents, or caregiver questions to the **Summer Camp Coordinator** as appropriate
- Collaborate with the **Summer Camp Coordinator** to support program quality and continuous improvement
- Follow all San Francisco Recreation and Park Department policies, procedures, and reporting requirements related to youth programs
- Perform related duties as assigned to support program operations

Qualifications

- Advanced skills in ceramics, including handbuilding and wheel throwing
- Previous experience teaching or supervising youth ages 11–17
- Experience working with diverse communities and families
- Strong classroom management and communication skills
- Ability to lift, bend, and move up to 25 lbs
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team within a structured public program environment



Compensation & Benefits

- **Hourly Rate:** \$50.56 per hour
 - **Benefits:** Paid sick leave
 - **Paid training and preparation time**
 - **Opportunities** to enjoy other free studio classes (based on availability)
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Application Instructions

To apply, please submit an inquiry or email:

- A resume
- Cover letter that describes your ceramics specialty and what you'd be most interested in teaching in a 3 week (12 day) camp
- A link to a portfolio or Instagram account showcasing your work

Applications open January 1, 2026

Deadline to apply March 6, 2026

Notifications sent mid-March

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