



Fairfield Museum

AND HISTORY CENTER

Position Title: **Summer Camp Counselor**
Reports To: Deputy Director for Programs
Level: Part-time seasonal contract position (July 22-August 23, 2024)
Compensation: \$16/hour

Responsibilities:

The Summer Camp Counselor will help lead the Fairfield Museum's summer camps for youth ages 7-12. The camps will run from Mondays through Fridays (8 am to 4 pm) from July 22 until August 23, 2024. There will also be a training session to be scheduled with Museum staff prior to the start of camps. Each week will focus on a new theme inspired by the Museum's rich collections and exhibitions, connecting campers to Fairfield's past, present, and future through hands-on learning.

Core Job Functions:

- Assists with teaching during summer camps for youth ages 7-12. Camp themes include: Maker Camp, Innovation Camp, Spy Camp, Archaeology Camp, and History Camp.
- Maintain availability during the entire period of Fairfield Museum's summer camps.
- Participate in a training session with Museum staff to be scheduled prior to the start of camps.
- Prepare materials and program spaces for summer camps.
- Help create and lead group activities, including tours, field trips, art-making, and other hands-on activities.
- Help oversee campers during pick-up and drop-off.
- Maintain clear in-person, phone, and/or email communication with caregivers throughout summer camps.
- Serve as an ambassador of the Museum during summer camps.
- Other duties as required to advance the Fairfield Museum's mission and strategic goals.

Qualifications:

Applicants should possess creative energy, good humor, flexibility, a passion for community involvement, and enthusiasm for working with a family and youth audiences in particular. Additional desired qualifications include:

- Minimum of one to two years of undergraduate education, preferably in early childhood development, history, museum studies, and/or education; or similar relevant experience.
- 1-5 years of experience working with a variety of young audiences, including Pre-K-12 school or family groups, in formal or informal settings.
- CPR and First Aid certifications, or willingness to be trained.
- Willingness to undergo criminal background check.
- Knowledge of inquiry-based teaching practices and ability to engage students in a dynamic and energetic manner.
- Ability to work effectively and enthusiastically with diverse audiences and speak with confidence in front of large and small groups, including children and families.
- Ability to work independently, identify and understand issues or problems and develop appropriate solutions.
- Experience in the application of Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion principles and practices.
- Experience working with a team.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to multi task, prioritize work, and meet deadlines.

This is a part-time seasonal contract position.

The position will require employee to lift, bend, stoop, walk, speak, and stand for up to 7 hours in a day. The Fairfield Museum is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from people of color, women, and LGBTQ+ applicants.

To Apply:

Applications are accepted until the position is filled, with priority given to those received by February 28, 2023. To apply, email a cover letter, resume, and list of references to mcheng@fairfieldhs.org.

About the Fairfield Museum

The Fairfield Museum believes in the power of the arts and the humanities to inspire imagination, stimulate thought, and transform society. Through dynamic programs and exhibitions, the Fairfield Museum sparks dialogue, inspires meaningful collaborations, and

deliberates the challenges of the future. Central to our community-focused mission is a desire to provide important historical context to pressing issues of our time, and to offer a safe, trustworthy environment where multiple perspectives can be heard and collective solutions explored.

We are a vibrant nexus of community life that welcomes more than 35,000 visitors annually, a focal point of civic pride, a prominent center for the humanities, and an award-winning institution of statewide renown. We preserve rare manuscript and artifact collections, maintain an eighteenth-century historic home, and operate five Town-owned historic properties. The Fairfield Museum's research library is among the best resources for Connecticut history in the state.

Our Mission is to inspire civic engagement by celebrating the diverse history of our region and its people. As a dynamic public forum, we believe in the power of art and humanities to inspire the imagination, stimulate ideas, and build a better society.

The Fairfield Museum believes that sharing diverse stories about our past, celebrating the individual's role in catalyzing social change, and promoting the value of an informed and active citizenry help empower students and their families to become active lifelong learners. Our programs vividly connect the past to the present, sparking the notion that we all have the power to make history and that by working together we can shape a better, more inclusive future for all.

Education: Over the past decade, the Fairfield Museum has worked closely with regional schools to ensure that our education programs support national, state and local learning goals. Each year we welcome more than 4,500 students and teachers from 65 schools from across southwestern CT for high-quality educational programs, and we welcome underserved students from Bridgeport and Norwalk free of charge. The Museum is developing new and innovative virtual learning platforms that extend the reach of its educational programming.

Exhibitions: The Fairfield Museum presents topical exhibitions that delve deeply into the history and context behind important issues of our time, explore those issues through multiple perspectives, and inspire informed discussion about the future of our community and nation. Our exhibitions and programs have used the arts and humanities to foster discussion about critical issues such as racial justice, climate change, education, and immigration.

Museum Commons: The Museum is leading the revitalization of Fairfield's historic Museum Commons to create a vibrant learning campus that includes three recently-restored historic properties and landscapes dating back to the early 17th century. This ambitious creative place-making initiative features outdoor public programs, art installations, music and theatrical performances that is expanding audience engagement.

Through its far-reaching programs and thought-provoking exhibitions, the Fairfield Museum is making significant contributions to its community and the region at large, building a sense of cohesion through engagement and inspiring positive change.

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