



Youth Arts Movement (YAM) Activity Specialist

Organization Synopsis:	Arts on the Block (AOB) is the only organization in the Washington, DC area offering youth the opportunity to learn about the intersection of art, design, and business by engaging them in real-world art projects. Since its founding in 2003, AOB's mission has been to empower creative youth to imagine and shape fulfilling futures, join the workforce, and contribute to the quality of life in their communities. AOB achieves its mission by providing real-world experiences in the arts, educational guidance, and entrepreneurial training geared to one's unique capabilities. Our target audience is young people ages 4 to 24, the majority of whom live and attend school in Montgomery County, Maryland.
Position Synopsis:	AOB is seeking curious, dependable, active, and creative individuals to co-lead a series of fun, engaging, and STEM-connected games, and activities within its Youth Arts Movement, Sports and Math Activities & Recreational Time (YAM-SMART). YAM Activity Specialists will work closely with two or three other specialists, YAM art studio teams, and the YAM Manager to develop and deliver quality games, sports, and other STEM-connected activities for young creatives, ages 4 through 13 years old. Candidates should possess an interest in (and be adept at) one or more of the following: sports (soccer, basketball, volleyball, frisbee golf, etc); or board games (chess, checkers, Othello, UNO, Jenga, Connect Four, etc); or group activities (Capture the Flag, tag, sack racing, etc). Additionally, specialists must be organized, energetic, and curious about teaching and learning strategies, and have a good sense of positive youth development principles.
Work Site:	This summer, the work location will at one or more Montgomery County Public School sites.
Hours:	12 to 20 hours/week
Direct Supervisor:	YAM Manager
Salary:	\$18/hr
Duties/ Responsibilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help to foster a safe, fun, creative, and curious environment • Co-Lead YAM SMART Activities & Games (within a safe and supportive environment) that teaches good sport and/or game fundamentals and fair play, with opportunities for participants to explore enduring STEM connections. (i.e. Exploring the concept of potential and kinetic energy when kicking a ball.) • Help to monitor attendance and participation within SMART Activity cohorts • Assist with correspondences to and from YAM families regarding anything related to SMART Activities & Games • Contribute to and participate in YAM staff meetings; provide program updates, and help staff find opportunities within programmatic successes and challenges; • Help document SMART time to share at culminating event and for reports; • Assist with the coordination of Summer YAM Open House events and others; • Contribute constructive feedback to help improve programming.

<p>Minimum Qualifications:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● High School degree or higher ● An interest in youth development, community engagement, and/or teaching ● Experience working with diverse communities ● Demonstrated skills in one or more sport, game or activity appropriate for 11-13 year olds ● Organized and efficient yet also creative and willing to take positive risks ● “Can-do” attitude, flexible, enjoy working in teams, and can work independently ● Excellent people skills; able to communicate professionally and congenially with people of all ages ● Ability to work a Mac or PC and related apps ● An openness to learn new skills
<p>Desirable Qualifications:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aspirations for career advancement in youth work, community work, and/or education ● Experience working in teams ● Good organizational and communications skills ● Experience working with young people in after school or camp settings ● Good with MS Office Suite, and Google Drive ● Good with one or more ADOBE Suite apps ● Experience with social media (blogging, website management, Facebook, Twitter) ● Up to date First Aid training (AOB can assist staff to get this certification). ● Fluent in Spanish a plus, but not necessary
<p style="text-align: center;">Please send a cover letter and résumé to cevans@artsontheblock.com with “Assistant Teaching Artist” in the subject line. Applications will not be accepted by mail.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Arts on the Block does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation.</p>	