

AN OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN A GREAT TEAM!

JOB TITLE	ASSISTANT TEACHER
DEPARTMENT	ART/DANCE/NATURE/MUSIC/RECREATION/THEATER
REPORTS TO	DEPARTMENT CHAIR

ABOUT USDAN

Usdan Summer Camp for the Arts is a 501(c)3 nonprofit founded in 1968 that provides arts education in a camp setting, where fun, creativity, and learning intermingle freely in the beautiful outdoors. Our goal is to instill in our community a desire and drive to contribute creatively to the world now and for the rest of their lives.

Each summer, teachers and artists — actors, directors, playwrights, painters, sculptors, musicians, composers, dancers, poets, and novelists — come together to teach and collaborate with our campers, grades K-12. Set on 140 acres of natural beauty in Wheatley Heights, Long Island, NY, Usdan is a safe, welcoming place within which campers have the freedom to build new friendships, explore nature, gain personal independence, and have fun, while developing new skills and techniques in their chosen artforms.

At Usdan Summer Camp for the Arts, our students' safety, growth, and happiness are at the heart of everything we do. We are proud to share that we are officially an ACA Accredited camp — a mark that shows our commitment to the highest standards of student health and safety.

POSITION SUMMARY

Assistant Teachers work with a team of arts and education professionals to support a diverse body of students.

Successful candidates have a willingness to try new things, welcome feedback, and are able to follow directions. They are adaptable, both in and out of the classroom, and enthusiastic about working with children. They are self-starters as well as collaborators, with the ability to learn and adapt to routines. Perhaps most importantly, successful candidates consistently demonstrate empathy and respect for children and colleagues.

To perform this job successfully, you must be able to work in an outdoor camp environment and communicate with students and other staff effectively. Usdan provides staff with protocols and [instructional philosophy](#) at the beginning of the season that they are expected to read and follow. At the same time, Usdan staff understand that new challenges may arise during the camp season and often work together to problem solve and determine solutions as we go.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Preparing materials and helping clean materials at the end of classes.



- Assisting with teaching.
- Providing student supervision during the camp day.
- Assisting with preparations for exhibitions and performances, when relevant.
- The Director of Education, Department Chair or Coordinator may assign additional supporting responsibilities.
- Attend department and staff meetings and trainings as required.
- Be able to work individually and as a part of a team.
- Use unstructured time constructively.
- Always have student safety as a top priority.
- Help to create a joyful, fun and engaging atmosphere for all students and staff at Usdan. Model the behaviors of artists; how they think, work, and live.
- Other duties as assigned.

The above job description is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of duties and standards of the position.

QUALIFICATIONS

- One year of college study in your art form, education, or the equivalent knowledge, skills, and abilities.
- 1-2 years prior experience working with children preferred.
- Must complete New York State required trainings, including but not limited to a Sexual Harassment Prevention training and a Child Abuse and Neglect/Maltreatment Identification. Links to required trainings will be provided after hiring.
- CPR training is not required but a plus.
- Have reliable transportation to Usdan's campus. Requests for accommodations are subject to approval by senior management.

2026 SUMMER SEASON DATES AND TIMES

Monday - Friday, June 29 - August 21, 2026, 9:15 A.M. - 3:15 P.M., closed July 4.

Pre-season commitments include:

- New Staff Orientation: Saturday, May 16, 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
- Staff Orientation: Saturday, May 30, 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
- Family Orientation: Thursday, June 18, 4:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

- \$4,000 Stipend, at least 30 hours per week.
- \$17 per hour for trainings.
- Workshops in subjects like yoga, ceramics, and archery with other faculty and staff, if offered.
- Transportation: additional opportunities to serve as a bus monitor, which consists of riding the bus to and from camp and supervising students. Faculty and staff will receive a stipend (\$400-\$700)

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Usdan is a 140-acre campus with facilities spread throughout - distances vary and are along uneven surfaces, up and down hills. Some facilities are elevated and require one to two stairs to enter.

Some staff walk an average of two miles per day. Other physical demands include the ability to work in a hot, humid environment; the ability to speak clearly and understand the speech of another person; and the ability to prioritize sounds and focus on one sound among many.

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential physical functions of this position.

TO APPLY

- Please apply through our online application: <https://www.usdan.org/employment>
- Please submit a cover letter.
- PDF files are preferred attachments. No phone calls please.

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