

Birthday Party Instructor

Location: Silvermine Arts Center

Position Type: Independent Contractor

Compensation: \$250+ per event

Overview:

Silvermine Arts Center is seeking enthusiastic, creative, and responsible instructors to lead engaging art-themed birthday parties for children. Instructors will facilitate fun, age-appropriate art activities for party guests while creating a welcoming, supportive, and memorable experience for all attendees.

Responsibilities:

- Arrive **30 minutes prior to the party** to set up the art activity and materials
 - Lead art-based birthday party activities for children ages 4-13
 - Prepare and organize materials for our themed art projects
 - Engage and guide up to 12-18 children through a hands-on art activity
 - Maintain a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment throughout the party
 - Communicate clearly with parents and Silvermine staff regarding party logistics
 - Collaborate with a party assistant when needed (based on group size)
 - Cleanup following the event
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Party Packages & Art Activities Offered:

We offer themed party packages based on the birthday child's age and interests:

Ages 4 – 8:

- **Clay Animals** – Create fun creatures using colored Model Magic or air-dry clay.
- **Jewelry Making** – Design and craft your own jewelry and decorate a jewelry box.
- **Animal or Themed Paintings** – Paint animals, favorite characters, or custom themes using tempera paint on canvas panel.

Ages 9 – 13:

- **Portrait Painting** – Create expressive portraits using acrylic paint.
- **Realistic or Fantasy Landscape Painting** – Paint scenes from nature or imagination with acrylics.
- **Clay Animals (Realistic or Fantasy)** – Sculpt animals or creatures using air-dry clay.

Parents may request customized art projects not listed above.

Compensation Breakdown:

Compensation is based on party duration and event requirements, with additional compensation available for larger parties and extended event times.

Qualifications:

- Background in visual arts, art education, or equivalent experience working with children.
- Friendly, engaging, and confident leading a group of young artists.
- Organized, dependable, and able to work independently.
- Able to adapt instruction for varying ages and skill levels.
- Strong communication skills and prompt responsiveness to email and phone communication.
- *Weekend availability is required.*

Preferred:

- Prior experience in leading classroom, camp, or birthday party settings.
 - Experience working with clay, painting, and a variety of arts & crafts activities is a plus.
 - CPR/First Aid certification is a plus.
 - Local to New Canaan, Fairfield County, or the surrounding area is preferred due to the on-site and event-based nature of the position.
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To Apply:

Please submit a resume, portfolio, and cover letter to schooladmin@silvermineart.org
