

SANTA CRUZ MAKER STUDIOS

Job Posting: Summer Camp Woodworking & Fabrication Instructor



Location: Santa Cruz, CA



Pay Rate: \$30-36 per hour, 6 hours per day



Schedule: Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM



Dates:

- **Onboarding:** May 26th- 30th (tentative)
 - **Summer Camp:** June 2nd - July 27th, July 7th - August 1st (8 one-week sessions)
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About Santa Cruz Maker Studios

Santa Cruz Maker Studios offers an **inspiring space for hands-on learning**, where children and adults explore **woodworking, 3D modeling, textile arts, and creative technologies**. Our space is designed to **evoke imagination**, blending a **whimsical, tropical atmosphere** with hands-on tools and artistic expression. Our summer camp program fosters **creativity, confidence, and hands-on skills**, giving young makers the opportunity to explore a **wide range of artistic and technical disciplines**.

About the Position

We are seeking a **skilled and enthusiastic Woodshop Instructor** to lead hands-on **woodworking and fabrication activities** for our **summer camp program** serving children **ages 7-13**. This is an **excellent opportunity** for a **craftsman, maker, or educator** who enjoys working with children and teaching them how to safely **use tools to build fun and creative projects**.

Key Responsibilities

- **Lead structured and engaging woodworking activities**, including building small projects like birdhouses, wooden toys, toolboxes, or age-appropriate fabrication projects.
- **Teach children how to safely use basic hand tools** (hammers, saws, drills, clamps, sandpaper, etc.) and introduce them to fundamental **fabrication techniques**.
- **Lead workshops on fabrication technologies**, such as **3D printing, sticker making, laser engraving**, and other digital design tools.

- **Ensure a safe and fun environment**, teaching children proper shop safety, tool handling, and cleanup practices.
 - **Encourage creativity, independent thinking, and confidence** while supporting students in problem-solving and project design.
 - **Supervise campers at all times**, including during free play, lunch, and drop-off/pick-up periods (except during unpaid breaks).
 - **Prepare and organize materials daily**, ensuring smooth transitions between activities.
 - **Maintain a clean, organized, and well-managed workshop space**, as well as shared camp areas.
 - **Document camp activities by capturing photos/videos** for social media when possible.
 - **Assist with general administrative tasks** related to camp operations and organization.
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Qualifications & Experience

Required:

- Experience working with children **ages 7-13** (teaching, camp counseling, childcare, or similar experience).
- Proficiency in **woodworking**, including comfort working with hand tools and basic power tools.
- Strong **classroom management skills** to ensure a structured, safe, and engaging learning environment.
- **Friendly, patient, and enthusiastic**, with the ability to engage and inspire children.
- **Reliable and professional**, with excellent communication and leadership abilities.
- Ability to **lift and move materials up to 25 lbs.**
- **Passes a background check** (required for working with children).

Preferred:

- Experience leading **woodshop, fabrication, or makerspace programs**.
 - Familiarity with **digital fabrication tools** such as 3D printers, laser cutters, and CNC routers.
 - Previous work in **camp settings, after-school programs, or experiential learning environments**.
 - **CPR certification** is a plus.
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Potential for Long-Term Employment

There is potential for this **seasonal position** to transition into a **long-term role** during the academic year. Opportunities include:

- Leading **homeschool classes** during the day
 - Teaching **after-school programs**
 - Hosting **birthday parties and community events**
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Compensation & Schedule

- **\$30-36 per hour**
 - **Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM** (6 hours/day)
 - **8 one-week summer camp sessions**
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How to Apply



To apply, please email your resume, a short cover letter, and two references to scmakerstudios@gmail.com

Visit our website at scmakerstudios.com



Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

Join Our Team

Santa Cruz Maker Studios is committed to providing an **inspiring, hands-on learning environment** that fosters **creativity, technical skills, and artistic expression**. If you're passionate about **woodworking, fabrication, and teaching kids how to build with confidence**, we'd love to hear from you!