

SANTA CRUZ MAKER STUDIOS

Job Posting: Woodworking & Fabrication Instructor

 Location: Santa Cruz, CA

 Pay Rate: \$30-33 per hour, 5 hours per day

 Schedule: Monday - Friday, 12:30 PM - 5:30 PM

 Dates: Starting in August, 2025

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.

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.

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!