

Join the PlayHouse Teacher Team this Fall



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The PlayHouse Teacher Team is a group of up to 15 educators, who come together regularly throughout the school year to contribute to and transform the PlayHouse, while learning and receiving professional development credits.

Each year, the Teacher Team collaboratively explores a topic. This year's topic is art education.

What are the opportunities afforded by engaging students in art-making? What is the relationship between art and play? What does high-quality art education look like? What does it mean to “think like an artist” and how can we help students develop these habits of mind and dispositions both in the classroom and in the museum?

Help us figure it out.

Between October and May, the PlayHouse Teacher Team will address these questions. Workshops will be held on the following Wednesdays, from 4-6pm: October 12th, November 9th, 2016; January 18th, February 22nd, March 15th, and April 26th 2017.

Participating teachers will receive:

- A free PlayHouse field trip for their students during the 2016-17 school year (tour must be completed by April 1, 2017);
- Professional Development Hours (through the Regional Office of Education);
- Snacks and our undying gratitude!

Participating teachers must:

- Commit to attending all 6 sessions.
- Be a current teacher of students between the ages of 3 and 10.

In order to ensure that the PlayHouse Teacher Team represents a diversity of student populations (age, region, public, private, and parochial schools, etc), we ask that interested teachers complete the attached application form. Application forms must be received no later than Friday, September 23, 2016. We will contact all applicants no later than Wednesday, October 5th regarding this project.

PlayHouse Teacher Team Application Form

To apply to be a member of the PlayHouse Teacher Team, please submit this completed application to the Education Department of the Peoria PlayHouse Children's Museum. You may choose to complete and mail, scan, or fax the paper form, or complete and submit the form electronically here: <https://forms.peoriaparks.org/playhouse-teacher-team/> All applications must be received no later than Friday, September 23, 2016.

Mailing address: Peoria PlayHouse Children's Museum
2218 North Prospect Road
Peoria, Illinois 61603

Fax number: 309-323-6901
Email address: playhouse@peoriaparks.org

I. Applicant information:

Name _____

School name _____

School address _____

What grade do you teach? _____ Number of years spent teaching: _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Are you available to participate in all six sessions of the PlayHouse Teacher Team?

Yes No

II. Application questions:

Please answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper. Answers do not need to be long, but they should be thoughtful.

1. Have you visited the PlayHouse? On your own, with family or friends, and/or with your class? Please briefly describe your experience.
2. What interests you about the PlayHouse Teacher Team?
3. Do you currently engage your students in art in any way? If so, please describe some of what you do with them.
4. Is there any other information you would like to share with us?



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