



Wheelthrowing or Handbuilding Workshops for Kids or Teens

Mudflat offers workshops for children and teens to explore their creativity through clay.

How the Clay Workshop Works:

- **Handbuilding Workshop (ages 5+):** Handbuilding offers a lot of possible projects including animal bowls, birdhouses, pumpkins, etc. Handbuilding uses pinching, coiling, and slab techniques to make functional or sculptural work. To ensure a pleasant clay experience, everyone will work on the same project. We are happy to recommend projects based on the interests of your participants. Pieces will be painted with non-toxic ceramic underglaze colors during the workshop.
- **Wheelthrowing Workshop (ages 8+):** For wheelthrowing, kids will learn how to throw a bowl on the wheel. For the wheel workshop, every child in the group is required to be at least eight years old as children younger than eight can have difficulty working with clay on the wheel. At the end of the workshop, each participant will select one bowl and a glaze color, so their best effort can be glazed and fired.

At the conclusion of each workshop, the Mudflat teacher will take the pieces and usher them through the firing process. Pieces are dried, fired, then glazed and fired again. The whole process takes about 4-5 weeks. Once out of the second firing, pieces are wrapped and boxed up for your group and we will notify the contact person when they are ready for pick-up. Most pieces are food, dishwasher, and microwave safe.

Scheduling a Clay Workshop at Mudflat:

Contact Gabrielle at Gab@Mudflat.org or call 617-628-0589 to schedule your workshop. We will ask you:

- **How old are your participants?**
- **Would you like a wheelthrowing (Ages 8+) or handbuilding workshop (Ages 5+)?**
- **How many participants are in your group?** Minimum group size is five and maximum group size for wheelthrowing is 10 and handbuilding is 12.
- **What days/dates/times work for your group?** The following times may be available:

- Mondays – Thursdays 10 am –9 pm
- Fridays 10 am – 8:00 p.m.
- Saturdays 10 am – 6:00 p.m.
- Sundays 11 am – 6:00 p.m.

We require a minimum of two weeks' notice to schedule a workshop and find a teacher(s) for your group. If you need to adjust the number of participants attending, please provide at least one week's notice. If you are no longer able to attend the workshop, please contact us immediately at 617-628-0589.

Workshop Fees and Payment:

- \$60.00 per child for a two hour workshop.

Workshop fees include one fired bowl or handbuilt item per participant.

For kid and teen workshops, 1-2 adults should be present as chaperones. Although they will not be participating, they will be able to observe the creations their children make!

Payment is due upon confirmation of a teacher for your scheduled workshop. Payments can be processed over the phone by calling the office at 617-628-0589, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Invoices and receipts are available upon request.

Food and Beverage Policy:

Due to our limited kitchen space and the messy process of working with clay, we do not allow food, including birthday cakes, at these events. Participants may bring a bottle of water and a small snack.

Dress for Success:

Clay can be a messy process so we recommend wearing comfortable clothes and shoes that you won't mind getting dirty. Aprons are available if your group would like to use them.