**Semester(s) offered:   Fall  2020**

**Berrien Springs Parent Partnership**

**Group Music and Project Based Learning Course Description**

**Course Title: Blacksmithing Advanced Independent Projects**

**Ages/Grade Levels: Minimum of 14 years old and prior experience required.**

**Category: S18 Historical Arts and Technology, F18 or S19 Humanities: Reenactment Arts**

**Class size: Min: 2 per group Max: 4 per group ( no max class sign-up )**

**Location: Guimond Metal Art Studio**

**Address: 04160 County Road 689**

**South Haven, MI 49090**

**Students may contact instructor for directions.**

**Dates and Times: TBA with student’s families**

**Instructor: Ted Guimond, returning instructor**

**­­­­­­­­­Phone: 269-76704600**

**Email:** [**tguimond@comcast.net**](mailto:tguimond@comcast.net)

**Feel free to call, text, or email with any questions.**

**Classes are graded on a Pass/Fail basis.**

**Criteria for passing the class:**

* **Students will have displayed appropriate behavior during classes.**
* **Students will have acted with respect for the tools, materials, instructor, and other students.**
* **Students will have been actively engaged in class participation.**
* **Students will satisfactorily complete all assigned projects.**

**Blacksmithing: Advanced Independent Projects is a class designed for the student who has successfully completed at least two blacksmithing classes, or has other experience deemed a sufficient prerequisite by the instructor. Individual students will propose their personal projects for the instructor’s review and acceptance. Students will work on their selected projects under the guidance of the instructor. Number of projects completed will depend on project difficulty and student skills.**

**STUDENTS SHOULD ALWAYS WEAR:**

* **closed toe shoes (preferably leather)**
* **natural fiber clothing (100% cotton, flax, bamboo, silk, or hemp shirt and pants).**
* **long hair tied back**
* **no jewelry**

**STUDENTS SHOULD BRING TO CLASS:**

* **Pencil and notebook**
* **Personal water**
* **Personal snacks**

**Photos of student work and an instructor’s individual written report will be provided to the administration as evidence of learning and satisfactory class completion at the end of the semester.**

**Family will be responsible for paying a materials fee of $20. Additional fees may apply if large amounts of metal are required or if specialty metals are needed for a project.**

**Partnership cost per student for entire semester: $400**

CLASS SYLLABUS

**Blacksmithing: Advanced Independent Projects**

TED GUIMOND: INSTRUCTOR

**Weekly breakdown of instruction:** There will be eight two hour sessions. Classes will involve discussion and demonstration of shop safety, supervised creation of hand forged items. Students should have projects in mind and discus them with the instructor prior to the first class meeting so materials may be on hand. Material fee may be higher depending on metal needed for special projects.

**Prior to the first class (at least two weeks ahead):**

* Students will discuss their design ideas and material requirements with the instructor.
* The instructor will obtain needed materials.

Week 1: Discuss shop safety. Work on designs. Begin Forging

Week 2: Review safety, Work on projects.

Week 3: Work on projects.

Week 4: Work on projects.

Week 5: Work on projects.

Week 6: Work on projects.

Week 7: Work on projects.

Week 8: Projects completed, display projects for parent show.

Schedule and projects will be adjusted depending on student skills and needs.

**Note to parents:**

All parents are welcome to stay during the class, but at least one parent from the class **must** stay to provide “two deep leadership” and security.

**COVID-19:**

Student work stations are spaced 8 – 10 feet apart in the blacksmith shop. There will be NO contact between non-family students or parents. There is air circulation between outside and inside. Having said this; it still gets quite warm.

As of the posting of this class, students and instructors are required by the state to wear masks to help protect others from the spread of COVID-19. Should this change it will be an option for students.