

Welcome to



Open Clay Studio!

Saturdays: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Mondays: 7:00–9:00 p.m.

We are pleased to offer a place to practice and gain skills in clay hand building and throwing. To make this a GOOD experience for everybody, and one that we can continue to offer, we have a few guidelines which we ask our participants to follow.

Please read through this booklet carefully especially if this is your first visit to Reach's Open Clay Studio!!

Here's some important information and guidelines about our Clay Studio....pricing, studio rules, etc.

- **NEW TO OPEN CLAY STUDIO (OCS):** If it is your first time to Open Clay Studio, we ask that you register ahead and come to your first session in the first week of the month. If it never works in your schedule to come the first week of any month, please call us to set up another arrangement.
- **REGISTRATION:** Repeat participants do not need to register ahead. If you are bringing a group of more than 4 people, or it is your first visit to OCS please register ahead! We are closed on some holidays and holiday weekends. Please call ahead if you want to be sure a session is occurring. In some cases sessions may be cancelled due to really bad weather (such as a snow storm).
- **FEES:** Please see fee schedule for individual session prices, and tables on pgs 10-11 for pre-pay savings session bundle passes. Reach is committed to keeping prices as low as possible for students ... fees for the open clay studio help Reach cover staffing, supplies, equipment, utility and maintenance costs for the kiln, and building rental.
- **CHILDREN:** under 10 years old must sign up with an adult. We expect children to be closely supervised by the adult(s) with whom they come.
- **"FAMILY PRICE":** a family is defined as ONE adult and 1 or 2 children (same each time) who are under the age of 18 and live in the same household with the adult. Additional family members may be added for a fee, but must live in the same household as the family with whom they are adding.
- **SUPPLIES:** a quantity of clay, glaze and firing are included in studio fee (see fee schedules). Clay facilitator will measure out your clay for you. We have 2 clay bodies available which are

fired to Cone 6, and an assortment of underglazes and glazes. You may purchase additional clay (either new clay, or reclaim clay—if available). Our clay, glaze, and firings are intended for projects made at our clay studio. We will provide clay, glaze and firing for outside work (even if you are an OCS participant) for an extra fee. See fee schedule.

Please use up any clay leftover from previous visits before getting new clay.

- **SIGN-IN:** when you arrive, please sign in on the log sheet and pull your card from card box for the facilitator to mark. Please take care of studio fees as soon as you sign in. If you decide to purchase additional clay later in the session, you can take care of those fees at that time. We do not take credit cards. Consider the pre-pay options that are available... then you won't have to waste precious time figuring out studio fees, etc.
- **GETTING STARTED:** the facilitator will measure clay for you and get you started on some techniques and suggestions if you need some guidance. We have a slab roller and 4 electric wheels for your use during clay studio. Sessions last 2 hours.
- **ABOUT BEING NEW TO CLAY:** if you are new to clay or OCS please do not expect to have a finished project at the end of one session. Especially if you are just learning wheel throwing, it will take a few sessions before you really get the hang of using the wheel and can throw a finished item. It's best if you come expecting to practice and learn rather than expecting to make something!
- **CLEAN-UP:** Participants are expected to clean up after themselves!! (And quit working early enough to complete clean-up by the end of the session).
 - **Completed items:** green ware should be placed on wire shelves in back room (unfinished items should be wrapped carefully in plastic) MAKE SURE YOUR INITIALS OR NAME ARE

ON ALL YOUR PIECES. Glazed projects ready for firing should be placed on the bottom shelves of the wood shelf in the back room.

- **Unused clay** can be placed in a zip-lock bag marked with your first and last names. Place bag in alphabetized trays on shelf.
- **Scrap clay** (too dry or small)—put in reclaim buckets in back room
- **Tools and hands:** rinse off clay/glaze in a bucket of water. Place cleaned tools back in appropriate storage areas. *Please make sure sponges are squeezed out well and brushes used for clay or glaze are completely rinsed out and stored with bristles up!*
- **Wheels:** disassemble parts and wipe down with sponge until all clay residue is gone. Please pour clay water into reclaim buckets NOT IN SINK.
- **Tables/surfaces:** wipe down with a wet sponge (a few times to get as much clay residue off as possible).
- **Clay water** (from buckets or wheel trays) should be poured into reclaim buckets or in the alley. **PLEASE DO NOT POUR CLAY WATER DOWN SINK OR IN PARKING AREAS.**

- **PROJECTS:**

- **Firing:** please plan on at least 2-3 weeks time for turn around of projects from completion to ready to take home. Firings will take place when we have enough to fill the kiln. Remember that each item will need 2 firings (bisque and glaze) with drying and cooling time to factor in. If you have a time deadline, please be sure to discuss this with the facilitator. We can not guarantee completing the process successfully on rush jobs.

- **Initials or name should be on all your projects.**
- **Project Storage:** *Fired projects (either bisque or glazed) will be held for 2 months. After 2 months we can not guarantee the fate of your projects--they may be discarded, given away, or sold to raise funds for Reach. Our storage space is very limited!*
- **Children should not be in the back room without an adult.** Adults/staff should be the only ones handling clay projects in the back room.
- **Special instructions** (such as: “don’t fire yet”, “please fire by such and such a date,” etc.) should be clearly communicated with the facilitators. You may leave a note with your project after discussing instructions with the facilitator.

FEE SCHEDULE

The following fee schedule is for “pay per session” prices. Please see the tables on pages 10-11 for pre-pay session bundle options. Pre-pay options help save you \$.

Individuals:

“NEW TO CLAY”: you have had little or no experience with ceramic clay or your clay instruction was over 15 years ago. (Clay activities in elementary school do not count as “experience”) We ask that if this is your first visit to Open Clay Studio, you register ahead of time and come (for your first visit) during the first week of any month (that OCS is running).

1st studio session fee: **\$20**

2nd – 4th studio session fee: **\$15** each

5th and beyond studio sessions: **\$10** each

Glazing and/or trimming only: **\$5**

Supplies included (individuals) if paying each session:

- 2 pounds of clay are included with each studio fee (except glazing/trimming)
- Glaze needed for projects made at Reach with Reach Clay is included.

“NEW TO OPEN CLAY STUDIO”: This is your first time to OCS, but you have had ceramic clay instruction within the last 15 years. [If you have taken kids clay or a clay workshop at Reach then you are not new to OCS.] We ask that if this is your first visit to Open Clay Studio, you register ahead of time and come (for your first visit) during the first week of any month (that OCS is running).

1st studio session fee: **\$15**

2nd and beyond studio sessions: **\$10** each

Glazing and/or trimming only: **\$5**

See supplies included above

“VETERAN TO OPEN CLAY STUDIO”: You have had clay instruction at Reach Studio (Kids clay, clay workshop, --- but doing a clay project during summer camp session does not count)

1st and beyond studio sessions: **\$10** each

Glazing and/or trimming only: **\$5**

See supplies included above

Families:

An OCS family is defined as ONE adult and up to 2 children (same each visit) who are under the age of 18 and live in the same household. One additional adult and up to 2 additional children (also living in the same household) pay an additional \$5 each for a session (studio or glaze session). Adult(s) will be expected to supervise their children. *Please speak with the director (Alice) if you need a special fee arrangement.*

“NEW TO CLAY FAMILY”: The whole family OR the adult in the family has little or no experience with ceramic clay or their clay instruction is over 15 years ago. (Clay activities in elementary school do not count as “experience”.) Your first visit to Open Clay Studio must be during the first week of the month.

1st studio session fee: **\$25**

2nd – 4th studio session fee: **\$20** each

5th and beyond studio sessions: **\$15** each

If only glazing and/or trimming: **\$10**

Add an adult or child family member to each session: **\$5 each**

Supplies included (family) if paying each session:

- *3 pounds of clay are included with family studio fee (except glazing/trimming)—1 lb additional clay with each additional adult or child studio fee.*
- *Glaze needed for projects made at Reach with Reach Clay is included.*

“NEW TO OPEN CLAY STUDIO FAMILY”: This is the whole family’s OR the adult in the family’s first time to OCS, but everyone in the family OR the adult has had ceramic clay instruction within the last 15 years. Your first visit to Open Clay Studio must be during the first week of the month.

1st studio session fee: **\$20**

2nd and beyond studio sessions: **\$15** each

If only glazing and/or trimming: **\$10**

Add an adult or child family member to each session: **\$5 each**

See supplies included above

“VETERAN TO OPEN CLAY STUDIO FAMILY”: the adult in the family has been to OCS and is experienced with clay. If the child(ren) in the family have been to OCS or have taken a clay class at Reach, but the adult has not—please see **“NEW TO CLAY FAMILY”**.

session fee: **\$15** each

If only glazing and/or trimming: **\$10**

Add an adult or child family member to each session: **\$5 each**

See supplies included above

Mentor Program Matches:

A youth and mentor who come from programs such as: 4H, Big Brothers Big Sisters, MSU Adolescent Diversion Project, Community Mental Health, or Family Court qualify for the “VETERAN TO OPEN CLAY FAMILY” pricing, even if they are new to clay or OCS.

Pre-pay options:

You may purchase a block of studio sessions or an annual OCS membership, which will save you over purchasing individual sessions. No refunds given. Pre-pay agreements are not transferable. Total amount of clay will be issued at the first pre-paid session.

Please see the following table for prepay options and what is included in the options.

Pre-pay Passes
and Annual
Passes are not
transferable or
refundable



OCS Pre-Pay Session Bundle Passes

(expires one year from purchase)

Pre-pay option	# of studio sessions	# glazing / trimming only sessions	Pounds of Clay included (total)	Price	Benefits
(NEWI) New to Clay Individual	4	1	10	\$60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save \$10 off pay per session price Xtra clay
(NEWF) New to Clay Family	4	1	15 +5 for each additional family member	\$85 Add \$20 for each additional family member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save \$10 off pay per session price Xtra clay
(NCSI) New to OCS Individual	4	1	10	\$45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save \$5 off pay per session price Xtra clay
(NCSF) New to OCS Family	4	1	15 +5 for each additional family member	\$65 add\$20 for each additional family member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save \$10 off pay per session price Xtra clay
(OCS-A) Veterans to OCS	6	2	15 (indiv)	\$60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save \$10 - \$20 off pay per session price Xtra clay
			20 (family) + 10 for each additional family member	\$90 (add \$30 for each additional family member)	
(OCS-B) Veterans to OCS	10	3	25 (indiv)	\$100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save \$15 – \$30 off pay per session price xtra clay
			35 (family) + 15 for each additional family member	\$150 add \$50 for each additional family member	

OCS Annual Supporter (Member) Options

(expires one year from purchase)

Pre-pay option	# of studio sessions	# glazing / trimming only sessions	Pounds of Clay included (total)	Price	Benefits
VIP Pass A	Includes 30 individual sessions -OR- 20 family sessions -OR- 12 individual and 12 family sessions	As needed	75	<p>\$500 (\$200 of this will be receipted for a tax exempt donation)</p> <p>add \$100 for each additional family member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glazing sessions are free • Extra clay included • Designated shelf space • Tax deduction and you help Reach keep OCS going!
VIP Pass B	Includes 15 individual sessions -OR- 10 family sessions -OR- 6 individual and 6 family sessions	As needed	50	<p>\$250 (\$100 of this will be receipted for a tax exempt donation)</p> <p>add \$50 for each additional family member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glazing sessions are free • Extra clay included • Designated shelf space • Tax deduction and you help Reach keep OCS going!

Clay, Glazing, and Firing fees for outside work:

Just glazing (pieces not made at Reach)..... studio fee applies (\$10 - individual, \$15 - parent with one or two kids under 18). (\$15-individual / \$20-family, if you did not purchase your clay at Reach)

Additional Clay \$1.50/lb

KILN FIRING CHARGES (per item not made at Reach) even if you used left over clay from OCS, or glazed pieces not made at Reach. (This includes 2 firings... bisque and glaze firings)

.....10 cents per inch of area x ½ of height

Example:

item measures 4 inches wide by 5 inches long by 3 inches high.
Calculate $.10 \times (4 \times 5 \times 1.5) = .10 \times 30 = \3.00 (round each measurement up to nearest inch)

One KILN FIRING (whether or not you fill it).....\$15

KILN FIRING AND CLAY prices DOUBLE if you're not an Open Clay Studio participant. (Participant = at least 4 paid visits to OCS)

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