

A Taste of Glass for Kids, Teens & Parents Program

Looking for a fun and interesting FREE class for your family & friends or summer camp this year? Why not choose Benzaiten's "A Taste of Glass for Kids and Teens" Program? Children will experience an exciting hands-on class in sandcasting, glass blowing or fusing.

Why this Kids Program?

Adults usually have all the fun when it comes to glass art but now kids can try their hand at glass design too! This program is a one-of-a-kind glass program in Palm Beach County. There is no other program like it.

Before the glass artists work with the students on this program, they will briefly discuss the materials used in sandcasting, glass blowing, and fusing as well as the science behind the art of glass making including its composition and chemistry. The artists narrate and demonstrate how hot molten glass is transformed into a beautiful object before their very eyes. That is the first step to sparking the imaginations of what the children can do.

Then the hands-on portion of the "Taste of Glass" program begins.

- Students will experience the construction of sand molds, glass blowing or fused glass techniques depending on the class they will be taking.
- For sandcasting, they can make their own hand print or choose an item from our glass studio to make their sand mold.
- For glass blowing or fusing, students will choose the colors for their paperweight or tray.
- Working one-on-one with the artists, each student will create their own art by making a mold in the sand, turning the glass on the pipe to make the paperweight or by gluing the glass to their trays.
- For sandcasting, the Benzaiten artist will pour the hot molten glass into the sandcasting molds each student has created. For fusing, the artist will place it in the kiln to fuse the colors together.

Just imagine how excited the students will be while watching their design take shape! Please call 561.508.7315 or email aholmes@benzaitencenter.org for more information.

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