

Youth Craft Workshops at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill

SHAKER-INSPIRED CRAFT WORKSHOPS

- Generally offered Tuesday-Sunday, between 9AM-8PM
- Fees are charged per person, based on the number of participants completing the activity
- Workshop durations are approximate; activities may take less time with smaller groups

Butter Making (60 minutes / Recommended for grade levels K-6) – The Shakers used the natural bounty of their farm to provide for their community. Gallons of milk were churned in butter daily, while other daily surplus could be converted into cheese or even ice cream! We'll churn our own butter for tasting, with the option of flavoring it with fresh herbs from our herb garden.

\$15/person min. / 30-person max. (per instructor)

Dipped Beeswax Candles (60-90 minutes / Recommended for grade levels 2-12) - During Pleasant Hill's heyday, the Shakers cultivated dozens of beehives, valuing the bees both for their important role as pollinators and for their production of honey and wax. We'll discuss Shaker Village's continuation of this long tradition before making our own candles over an open fire.

\$15/person

8-person min. / 25-person max. (per instructor)

Beginning Brooms (60-90 minutes / Recommended for grade levels 8-12) – In this introduction to broommaking, we'll explore the natural materials that the Shakers used to make their brooms and make our own useful products to take home. Participants will make a whisk broom and a pot scrubber. \$30/person 8-person min. / 16-person max. (per instructor)

Turkey Wing Brooms (60-90 minutes / Recommended for grade levels 10-12) – We're returning to the folk art tradition of broommaking that originally inspired the Shakers, making our own hand-tied brooms without special machinery or equipment. Our "turkey wing" brooms, made of hemp cord and natural broomcorn, are as decorative as they are useful.

\$30/person

8-person min. / 16-person max. (per instructor)

Herbs for Home & Health (45-60 minutes / Recommended for grade levels 2-12) - The Shakers grew, prepared and sold herbs for many purposes across the country. Learn about different herbs and how they can be used to make all natural products for your home and body.

\$20/person

8-person min. / 20-person max. (per instructor)