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# YBGR

## Arts and Ceramic Program

Bringing creativity and expression to youth who are learning to heal.

Located in the Arts Barn on Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, and taught by Mr. Small, the Arts and Ceramic Program provides an expression outlet to children who are learning how to express themselves in a healthy manner. Throughout the school year the students learn how to complete the following techniques.

- Intaglio
- Pottery
- Ceramics
- Encaustic Painting

While the focus is to provide graduating credits to the children, Mr. Small often leaves room for lessons that teach effective communication skills and critical thinking. After each project the students gather to inspect and discuss each other's work. This gives them the chance to provide their own insight as well as absorb other's views and criticism in a safe environment.

Mr. Small understands each child learns in different ways and time. He pre-records each lesson and shows the footage on a TV screen so they can rewind/pause any time it is necessary. This allows the children to not feel rushed or left behind. He also adjusts the curriculum to the pace of the class. If they need to spend more time on one technique, they can do so without having to skip other lessons to catch up. The hands-on activities enhance the healing the children experience while at Yellowstone.

**To learn more about supporting the Arts and Ceramic Program at YBGR, please contact Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation at 406-656-8772.**

