

Mud Puppy Studio Access Policy

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Clayworx Studios reserves the right to cancel Mudpuppy Studio Access to any individual who fails to adhere to All Studio Policies including Mud puppy Studio Access and Studio Safety and Etiquette Policies.

Mud puppy studio access is independent access to Clayworx Studios including equipment and glaze materials (dry materials and clay are excluded). Access lasts for a calendar month; participating individuals are given a code to access the key at the start of the month.

Eligibility for mud puppy studio access requires an individual to have participated in and completed at least 3 sessions of classes at Clayworx Studios (a minimum of 6 months instruction by a member of the Clayworx staff.) After completing 3 sessions, a person must be approved for independent studio access by their instructor. Clayworx Studios reserves the right to deny any individual mud puppy studio access based on these criteria.

Mud puppy studio access is available month to month, on a first come first served basis. It is limited to 4 slots. Individuals must sign up by the first of the month, however everyone will be waitlisted as mud puppy studio access is limited to qualified individuals only. Each registration will be considered in turn if you have the appropriate approval before signing up. Failure to do so may result in a delay and a missed opportunity.

Occasionally the studio is closed for private classes/workshops. Mud puppy access is not available during those times. Clayworx staff will contact current mud puppy registrants ahead of time about closures; also consult the online Google studio calendar or the wall calendar at the studio.

Mud puppy studio access is intended for the individual to develop their skills as a ceramic artist.

- **Mud puppy studio access is for the individual only; guests are not permitted.**
- **Conducting private lessons or using the studio for purposes other than individual work is not permitted.**
- **Production pottery is not permitted. Production pottery is defined as producing large quantities of standardized pieces for sale.**

Mud puppy studio access is for the individual to work independently. If the individual is attending and participating in a class, they must enroll in the class. Mud puppy **studio access is not extended to the 1st Bay (wheel room) during class time.** The 2nd Bay (Kiln side) has a work area designated for Mudpuppy and may be used during class time. Please refer to the Studio calendar when planning your time in the studio. Dual enrollment – all work made outside of the 3-hour class time is subject to firing fees.

Mud puppies must signup using Signup Genius if they plan on being in the studio during Open Studio times.

Mud puppies have a designated ware shelf. Please place all ware for firing, bisque and glaze, on this shelf unit only.

Mud puppies are expected to provide their own small equipment including: buckets, bats, boards, and plastic. Mud puppies will clean all studio areas they used before leaving the studio including floors, counters, tables, sinks and equipment. Please refer to Studio Etiquette Guidelines.

Kiln fees will be charged according to the schedule listed on the mud puppy registration page. Clayworx Studios works on the honor system for determining firing fees for individuals participating in mud puppy studio access. Fees are based on production. If you are taking a class, fees for those pieces are exempt. All fees for mud puppy studio access and firing are due at the first of each month, please make payment in a timely fashion.

