

## JUNIOR DAY 09

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Junior day at the JGMS workshop was enjoyable as usual. It began and the juniors started off searching for various fossils and stones in piles of dirt. In the after math of getting our hands dirty we were quickly separated into four groups. Divided by age, the groups consisted of ages 5 – 8, 9 – 12, and 13 and up. All of us juniors were definitely ready to join our teachers. Stations included Rock ID, Metal Stamping, Wire wrapping, and of course Chain Mail.

Rock ID was taught by Craig Hamilton, and Francis Siver. Mr. Hamilton talked about the three types of rock formations, igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary, and Mrs. Siver accompanied his presentation with wonderful demonstrations. Her erupting volcano and layers of smooshed bread certainly added a thoughtful visual aid to the information.

Chain mail was instructed by Amy Ellis, and Cindy Casini assisted the kids in making sure all juniors left with a finished product. Faced with the issue of time, Mrs. Ellis did a simple chain mail pattern that was fairly easy to follow. The use of her thoughtful handmade clasps, and copper jump rings provided a beautiful bracelet.

Wire wrapping was taught by Karyn Bee. Mrs. Bee showed us how to wire wrap a sharks tooth, it was wrapped in silver and hung on rope in the colors, black, gold, white, and tan created a simple, yet gorgeous necklace.

The Metal Stamping instructor Jason Hamilton showed us a clever way to put our names on the bracelets we made in Mrs. Ellis' class. Using pieces of copper, a few hammers, and lead punches, we pounded our names into the thin sheets of copper.

Cabbing for the older juniors was instructed by Jeff Bee. Mr. Bee showed them how to shape a beautiful cabachon. He showed them the proper use of the cabbng machines. The machine shaped and made the cabachon smooth.

In the midst of all the activities there were lots of wonderful foods from bagels, doughnuts, grilled hot dogs, chips, and soda. Mrs. Karyn also made snow cones. Overall junior day was an educational and fun day. All the juniors enjoyed every moment of it and wish to come back next year. Thanks to all the people that made junior day happen.