



## Blacksmithing Workshop Course Description

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**About the Instructor** - The workshops are conducted by Michael Sebacher. He's been a working artisan-blacksmith for over 20 years. He's been featured HGTV's Modern Masters program, Savannah Magazine, Coweta Magazine and numerous print articles. Michael is also the founder and director of the Artisans Heritage Guild, a Coweta county based non-profit organization dedicated to teaching traditional arts. [See his bio here.](#)

### Topics Covered

Heritage of blacksmithing  
Safety practices  
Blacksmithing tools and equipment  
Identifying types of steel alloys  
The nature of hot steel  
Coal and propane forge management  
Cold Bending  
Forming with hammer pressure  
Basic skills...drawing, bending, upsetting, riveting and punching  
Heat treating  
Project

### Workshop Format

- Workshops are conducted in one, 10-hour session. Workshops are limited to **three** participants.
- Appropriate safety practices are emphasized at all times. Participants will be asked to sign a waiver of liability.
- This is a 'hands on' learning experience taught using demonstration, video, practice, and discussion. Blacksmithing is, by nature, physically demanding and participants should be in good physical condition.
- Photos are encouraged but mustn't interfere with instruction.
- You'll be able to complete a project during the workshop ... a large portion of time will be spent with tools in hand.

**Cost** Workshop cost is \$250 per participant.

### Requirements

- Participants must be in sound physical health.
- Participants must be over 16 years of age. Ages 16-17 must be accompanied by a family member during instruction.
- Appropriate eye protection must be worn. Please bring safety glasses and leather gloves.
- Clothing should be either cotton or wool, no polyester or plastic-based fabric. Clothing should be layered as appropriate for the weather. Long sleeves are highly recommended regardless of the temperature.
- Sturdy shoes or boots...steel toes optional.
- Water is provided. Bring something else if you'd like ... the point is to keep yourself hydrated.

**Location** The workshop is conducted in Michael's studio, 272 Lowell Drive, Sharpsburg GA. (see HHH site for map).

### Forbidden

- 'Observers', we have no room for non-participants .... the exception being parents for students under 16.
- Alcohol or anything else that impairs judgment.
- Ringing cell phones.