

YALS TEEN PROGRAMMING IDEAS

PROGRAM TITLE: Cell Phone Charms

BRIEF PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Make charms to hang on cell phones, zipper pulls, or belt loops.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Consumables: Assorted beads, charms, beading wire, eye pins, jump rings, charm leashes, claw hooks, split rings, small key chain rings, eyeglass holder findings or small automotive "o" rings.

Reusable tools: needle nose pliers, round nose pliers, wire cutters

COST: \$3-5 per person, plus cost of tools

PROGRAM PROCEDURE:

1. Select beads and charm and determine order/pattern for finished charm. Total length will be 2-3".
2. Decide if you want a leash, hook, or antenna attachment. Some cell phones do not have a place to attach the leash style charms, so you'll need an antenna ring for those. Claw hooks or key chain rings attach best to zippers and key chains.
3. Use pliers, wire, and eye pins to attach beads together. (Refer to beading book or online craft pages for techniques for stringing beads.)
4. Attach beads to ring or leash (or to claw hook or key chain or O ring).
5. Attach a charm to end of beads.

USEFUL PLANNING RESOURCES:

Totally Beads by Sonal Bhatt, ISBN 0-8069-8399-X

The Encyclopedia of Beading Techniques by Sara Withers & Stephanie Burnham, ISBN 0-7624-2043-X

www.michaels.com has many project ideas that can be used. Look under "Beads" then select "Accessories" from the "Great Ideas" menu.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Allow about 20 minutes for participants to complete first charm, 5-10 minutes for additional charms. Best for small groups (less than 10) unless you have additional experienced beaders to help. Need pliers for each participant to avoid too much wait time. Works well as an accompaniment to a movie. (Give directions, then watch movie as they work.)

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