

A close-up photograph of a steel-making process. A worker wearing a brown protective suit is pouring molten steel from a large, dark, cylindrical ladle into several rectangular molds. Bright orange and yellow flames are visible rising from the molds. The background is blurred, showing an industrial setting.

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TEAM BUILDING  
WITH

**RIVERS OF STEEL**

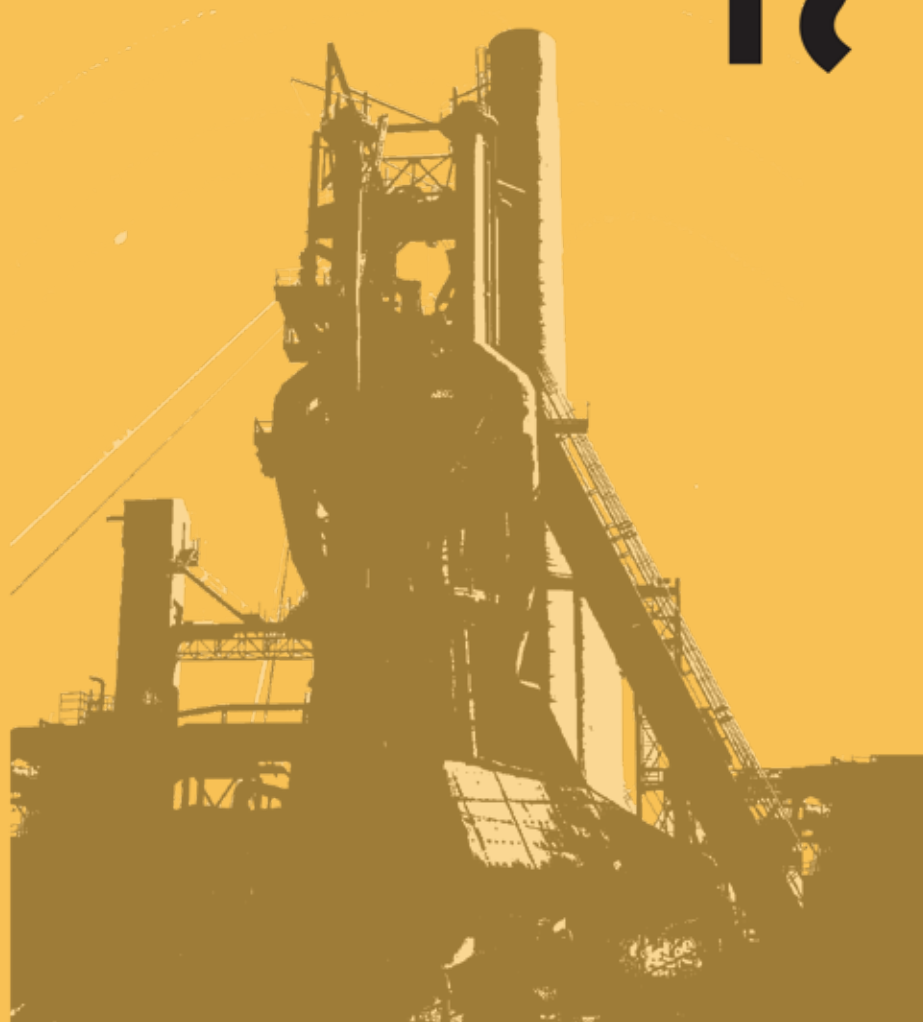


# OVERVIEW

Rivers of Steel offers a variety of team building workshops that include tours and experiences in metal and graffiti arts inspired by the region's industrial heritage and creative spirit. Whether you want to get your hands dirty at the Carrie Blast Furnaces or would prefer we bring the action to you, we've got you covered with team building opportunities for groups of all sizes.

Email **[arts@riversofsteel.com](mailto:arts@riversofsteel.com)** for more information  
or call 412.464.4020 x 253.

Please note that base workshop costs do not include catering or alcoholic beverages. Total costs including these services can be provided upon request.



# EXPERIENCES

## METAL ARTS

Metal arts experiences at Rivers of Steel include hands on workshops in aluminum casting and blacksmithing that can be customized to fit the needs of your group. Mini-industrial tours of the Carrie Blast Furnaces can be added to any package for the ultimate site experience.

All workshops are staffed by Rivers of Steel professional artists to ensure a memorable experience for everyone in your team. Groups larger than 50, contact [arts@riversofsteel](mailto:arts@riversofsteel) for more information.





# METAL ARTS

## Aluminum Tile Project

In this workshop, participants customize a premade sand mold and create a unique 4x4 inch aluminum, one-sided design cast in solid aluminum! You'll spend time carving your design, while mixing and mingling with colleagues—witnessing each item being cast in molten aluminum reaching 1200 degrees Fahrenheit. Duration: 2.5 hours.



### Base Costs:

\$3,500 for up to 50 participants

\$2,000 for under 20 participants

Groups over 50 inquire for details

Top/left: premade sand molds ready for carving.  
Bottom/left: a couple displays thier completed tiles.

# METAL ARTS

## Aluminum Bowl Project

Aluminum Bowl Projects allow participants to customize a two-part sand mold to create a unique, functional aluminum bowl. The design possibilities are endless! Experienced Rivers of Steel staff demonstrate the carving process to ensure the best end result for each participant. Once all sand molds are completed, we fire up the furnace and participants watch as their unique bowl forms are captured in molten aluminum to be taken home at the end of the workshop. Duration 3 hours.

### Base Costs:

\$3,500 for up to 30 participants

\$2,000 for under 15 participants

Maximum 30 participants



# METAL ARTS

## Blacksmithing

By far our most popular team building activity for small groups, our Blacksmithing activities will guide your team through the process of forging steel using essential blacksmithing tools to create a hook, hairpin, leaf or custom object.

Blacksmithing skills learned include proper posture, safety, hammer technique, drawing out, bending, punching, twisting techniques and a final surface treatment with bees wax. Duration 3 hours.

Base Costs:

\$130/person

Maximum 16 participants

Minimum 5 participants



Top/left: participant places steel inside the glowing forge  
Bottom/left: finished hook and leaf samples.



# GRAFFITI ARTS

## Style-writing

Graffiti arts activities are also available. Groups can choose from hands-on style-writing with aerosol paint to live demonstrations and tours of the facility featuring over fifty graffiti-style artworks created by artists from around the world. Working with Rivers of Steel's talented graffiti artists, participants can create individual canvases or collaborate with colleagues on a large-format mural for the office!

Duration 2.5 hours.

### Base Costs:

\$3,000 for up to 50 participants

\$1,300 for under 20 participants

Image left: Local artist DS Kinsel works on a graffiti mural at the Carrie Blast Furnaces..



Employees from Crawford Ellenbogen LLC display their aerosol paintings created during a Graffiti Art team-building workshop at the Carrie Blast Furnaces.



Workshop participants take a break from their projects to grab a bite to eat.

**CATERING**  
**WITH IRON OVEN**

# Iron Oven Catering

Rivers of Steel is excited to partner with Iron Oven Catering to offer guests a range of delicious meals including vegetarian and vegan options. Additional selections are available for guests with special dietary considerations.

## Menu Options:

Charcuterie Platter with or without Meat

Spinach & -Feta in Phyllo Pastry

Baked Brie en Croute w/ Strawberry Jam

Potato & Cheese Pierogies w/ Sour Cream & Picked Cabbage

Sesame Soy Chicken Skewers w/ Peanut Dipping Sauce

Meatball or Brisket Sliders

Fresh Fruit Selections

Wild Rice & Artichoke Salad w/ Balsamic Vinaigrette (Vegan, GF)

Apple Cabbage Cider Slaw (Vegan, GF)

Side Salad (Veg, GF)

Orzo Salad w/ Grape Tomato, Chickpea, Lemon (Veg)

NA drinks (these usually accompany all orders unless specified otherwise)

Coffee, Iced Tea, Water

Craft beer and wine selections can be added to any catering.

Looking for something in particular?

Alternative catering services can be arranged upon request.





"This experience was a creative outlet that encouraged all members to be artistic, vulnerable, and engaged. The activity brought our team together and created an environment to share personal stories and to bond at a deeper level. I highly recommend this for all parties, personal or professional!"

"I enjoyed every single part of the workshop SO MUCH! This was my first visit to the Carrie Blast Furnaces and I loved learning about how Pittsburgh was shaped by the steel industry. I love team building activities where we actually get to build something as a team :D"

- Duolingo Corporation Team-building



# RIVERS OF STEEL

Founded on the principles of heritage development, community partnership, and a reverence for the region's natural and shared resources, Rivers of Steel strengthens the economic and cultural fabric of western Pennsylvania by fostering dynamic initiatives and transformative experiences.

Rivers of Steel showcases the artistry and innovation of southwestern Pennsylvania's industrial and cultural heritage through its historical and 21st-century attractions—offering unique experiences via tours, workshops, exhibitions, festivals, and more.

Behind the scenes, Rivers of Steel supports economic revitalization—working at the grassroots level to deepen community partnerships, promote heritage tourism, and preserve local recreational and cultural resources for future generations.

Visit [riversofsteel.com](https://riversofsteel.com) for more information.