

LIVE MUSIC **FRIDAY NIGHTS** IT'S ALL FREE HANG OUT
FREE FOOD

TOTALLY FREE - TOTALLY FUN - 7:30-10:30PM

Friday Nights sponsored by: Moraine Valley Community College

SEPTEMBER 9
Backyard Night w/
Flannels, Football & Firepits

NOVEMBER 4
Giant Game Night &
Ping Pong Tourney
w/ DJ Impulse

SEPTEMBER 23
The Shrek-tember
Spectacular w/ Narcissa (Rock)

NOVEMBER 18
Happy Friendsgiving!
w/ Karaoke

OCTOBER 7
Cider & Sweaters
Night w/ Bingo

DECEMBER 2
"Beyond the Nutcracker"
Show & Thrift Store
Shopping!

OCTOBER 14
Thrift Store
Family Night

DECEMBER 16
Holiday Family Feud
& Karaoke

OCTOBER 21
Halloween &
Scary-oke

Friday nights are **FREE** with a
Bridge student membership.
Learn more at thebridgeteencenter.org.

Friday Night Rides

Help us keep everyone safe. Watch this short video about Friday Night parking lot best practices.



(Scan with your phone)



Family Night

OCTOBER
14
FRIDAY

- Exclusive Shopping Event for Bridge Families.
- Join us any time between 6:00 - 8:00PM.
- Be the first to shop as we stock up for Saturday!
- Take 20% off your purchase.
- Students must present Bridge ID to enter.



EMPOWERING TEENS MONTH



VOLUNTEER



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Our "Empowering Teens Month" initiative will once again launch in November. This initiative brings much-needed awareness to the importance and impact of afterschool programs that help **ENGAGE, CONNECT** and **EMPOWER** teens to navigate life and discover who they were created to be.

Sponsorships and group service opportunities (at The Bridge Thrift Store) will be part of this exciting new month-long initiative - along with focused "On Mission" programs for students based on our holistic approach to afterschool programming. For details about how YOU, your BUSINESS, or your GROUP can help support our efforts to empower local teens, visit thebridgeteencenter.org and click 'Donate' or email us at info@thebridgeteencenter.org.

hey students! DO YOU NEED
COMMUNITY SERVICE?
..... we've got you covered.

THRIFTASTIC Student Service

The Bridge Thrift Store provides students with opportunities to earn community service hours and gain job and leadership experience in a fun environment.

THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:

- 1 Schedule **COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS** throughout the year where you'll sort merchandise and organize inventory.
- 2 Participate in a scheduled **PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE** program on the following dates: 8/30, 9/15, 10/13, 10/20, 11/01, 12/08, 12/14.
- 3 Join our **THRIFTASTIC JOB READINESS TRAINING** program and develop skills that will prepare you for the future. This requires a committed schedule.

Need more info?

Visit thebridgeteencenter.org/volunteer
Email volunteer@thebridgeteencenter.org
Or call 708.532.0500 Ext. 108

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THE BRIDGE TEEN CENTER

FALL/WINTER
2022



This semester is sponsored by: **PROVIDENCE BANK & TRUST**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE BRIDGE TEEN CENTER?

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community center for students in 7th-12th grade. We offer nationally-recognized FREE programs and events that are designed around the interests and needs of teens in the suburbs. To date, we have served 11,000+ different students from 128 communities.

HOW DOES A STUDENT BECOME A MEMBER?

Click the "APPLY NOW" green button on our website. The Student Membership Application (SMA) can be completed online or a hard copy can be picked up in person. Students are **required** to fill out an SMA only once. Once completed, signed by a parent/guardian, and approved by staff, students have access to all of our free programs.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR PROGRAMS?

Click on "Programs" on our homepage. Pick the programs you want to attend and click "Sign up for this program." Finish sign up by clicking the "shopping cart" icon on the top right. Then "check out" with your student ID and password. Watch our video tutorial on our website. Please email us if you do not have your student login info.

WHEN ARE YOU OPEN FOR STUDENTS?

Our free afterschool programs take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:00-6:00pm during the school year. (In the summer programs take place between 1:00-6:00pm.) Every other Friday Night we are open to students from 7:30-10:30pm.

HOW CAN A STUDENT EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?

Community service at our Thrift Store is available for students with an approved SMA on file. Complete the SMA online and mark "yes" to serving at the Thrift Store. Already a member? Call 708.532.0500 ext. 108 or email volunteer@thebridgeteencenter.org.

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OUR FREE PROGRAMS ARE ORGANIZED INTO

5 BUCKETS:



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

- August 30 (Tues., 4:00-6:00)
PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE
Need community service hours? Help out at The Bridge Thrift Store, which supports the free programs you and your friends enjoy at the teen center.
- August 31 (Wed., 4:00-5:30)
PATIO HANGOUT WITH CHIPS & SALSA BAR
Dive into some tasty chips & salsa while kicking back with friends on a cloudless (we hope) day!
- September 1 (Thurs., 3:45-5:45)
GARAGE HANGOUT
Release all of that back-to-school angst (dread) by playing your fav games in the Garage! Air hockey, anyone?
- September 1 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30)
CULINARY: HOMEMADE PIZZA DOUGH w/ Louis, Bridge Alumna
Mix flour, water, and yeast to make pizza dough. Chop up your desired toppings and bam! Buon appetito!
- September 6 (Tues., 3:45-5:15)
OPEN ART STUDIO: GARBAGE HANGOUT
Search our Art Studio and make the thing that's so you or challenge a friend to a game of Pac-Man. And of course, munch on your go-to snack at the Cafe!
- September 6 (Tues., 4:15-5:45)
READ ON THE PATIO & DIY BOOKMARKS w/ Jess, Bridge Staffer
Curl up with a novel / comic and make motivational bookmarks on the Bridge Patio!
- September 7 (Wed., 4:00-5:15)
LEGO COMPETITION (MS ONLY) w/ Matt, Bridge Staffer
Compete in teams to design and build a sophisticated Lego structure. Which team will overcome all?
- September 7 (Wed., 4:45-5:45)
DIY BEAUTY: CURLS THAT LAST
Try curling techniques on your hair with a brush or flat iron. Bring your own supplies if you've got 'em!
- September 8 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30)
Culinary Around the World: Mexican Tostadas w/ Olivet Nazarene University
Shred some chicken, toss it in a tomato and chipotle sauce, and spread this tasty mixture to tostada tortillas!
- September 8 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00)
CAFE & GARAGE HANGOUT
Meet up with your Bridge friends and play four-person Ping Pong or grab some riddles from our "Joke Jar" and rattle them off to the Cafe volunteer!
- September 8 (Thurs., 4:15-5:15)
SOUL CAFE: THE LANGUAGE OF FRIENDSHIPS w/ Mandi, Bridge Staffer
Take a fun quiz and find out the ways you give/receive love and respect from friends. Sign up with a friend!
- September 13 (Tues., 3:45-5:00)
CARD GAMES & ROOT BEER FLOATS
Play Uno, spoons, and other classic card games with Bridge friends, both new and old. Root beer floats for all!
- September 13 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
DIY: SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS
Geek out on science and work in teams to make ooey-gooney elephant toothpaste and a mind-bending lava lamp!
- September 14 (Wed., 4:15-5:45)
PAINT BOHO BOTANICALS w/ Melissa Ferriter, ATR
Paint your way to calm. Use trendy neutral colors, bold leaf designs, and abstract shapes in this guided process.
- September 14 (Wed., 4:30-5:30)
BEGINNING CREATIVE WRITING w/ Lisa Adams Group
Get unstuck! Discover what's been holding you back and reframe how you approach writing.
- September 15 (Thurs., 3:45-5:15)
OPEN ART STUDIO: UPCYCLED JARS
Embellish a glass jar with words, pictures, beads, or twine. Or make a collage with words and pictures from the magazine stash. Be you!
- September 15 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00)
PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE
Help out at The Bridge Thrift Store, which supports the free programs you and your friends enjoy at the teen center. Community service hours given.
- September 15 (Thurs., 4:30-5:45)
#SKILLS: SKATEBOARDING w/ Journeys
Try skateboarding basics like balancing, pushing off, and making turns. Skateboards and safety gear provided.
- September 20 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
PATIO HANGOUT & OUTDOOR GAMES
Come hang out! Make the most of these last days of summery weather. We'll play some classic outdoor games too.
- September 20 (Tues., 4:00-5:45)
STUDY SUPPORT & SNACKS
Munch on some energizing brain food and study at The Bridge! Whether it's for an assignment, paper, or test prep, a friendly Bridge tutor is happy to help if you need it.
- September 20 (Tues., 4:15-5:30)
WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE: MORNING RADIO HOST w/ Moody Radio
Go for it! See what it's like to give a 3-minute mock radio segment, conduct an interview, and deliver a script.
- September 21 (Wed., 4:00-5:15)
SOUL CAFE: COPING SKILLS FOR ANXIETY w/ Hope Enrichment Center
Recognize when you feel anxiety and practice relaxation behaviors like creating a happy flip book!
- September 21 (Wed., 5:00-6:00)
BASKETBALL: 3-on-3
Practice your jump shot and work on your free throws. Blow off some steam with a game of 3-on-3!
- September 22 (Thurs., 3:45-5:15)
GARAGE & CAFE HANGOUT
Play Ping Pong with a friend, create something fun in the Art Studio, and munch on a snack in the Cafe!
- September 22 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30)
BUILD YOUR OWN TOOLBOX w/ Gary Bruss Builders
Build a toolbox by assembling and connecting pre-cut wood pieces together. Great for projects in the future (and to take with you to college!)
- September 27 (Tues., 3:45-5:15)
OPEN ART STUDIO: WASHI & DUCT TAPE CREATIONS
What can you make with just washi or duct tape? Feel free to dig into your creativity in other ways as well!
- September 27 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
CULINARY: CREAMY CHICKEN & DUMPLING SOUP w/ Joliet Junior College Culinary Arts
Make homemade, savory chicken dumplings and prepare this soup in small groups. Give it a taste-test!
- September 27 (Tues., 4:30-5:45)
SOUL CAFE: EXPRESSING & CONTROLLING EMOTIONS w/ Konick & Associates
Play fun games, journal your thoughts, and gain insight about managing your emotions in healthy ways.
- September 28 (Wed., 4:00-5:00)
DAILY WORKOUT ROUTINE w/ Avolve Fitness
Try some fresh and manageable fitness routines that you enjoy and take steps toward a healthier you!
- September 28 (Wed., 4:30-5:45)
SCIENCE OF CHOCOLATE w/ Trinity Christian College
Love chocolate? See how it starts as a bean and is harvested to satisfy cravings. Delight in a chocolate tasting or two!
- September 29 (Thurs., 3:45-5:45)
GARAGE HANGOUT & POOL TOURNEY
Who's up for a Pool touney? Champions will receive prizes and bragging rights. If Pool's not your thing, maybe it's Ping Pong or Skee Ball? The whole Garage will be open for you!
- September 29 (Thurs., 4:00-5:15)
GEARHEADS: WINTERIZE YOUR CAR w/ Bettenhausen Auto
Practice changing a car battery, head and brake lights, and turn signals. Skills every current (or future) driver needs!
- October 4 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
CULINARY: ARTISAN FLATBREAD PIZZAS w/ Cooper's Hawk
Create unique flavor combinations on flatbread pizzas like caprese, Italian sausage, and whipped burrata.
- October 4 (Tues., 4:15-5:45)
GARAGE & CAFE HANGOUT
Paint a canvas in the Art Studio, play a card game with a friend, or doodle on the chalkboard wall!
- October 5 (Wed., 4:15-5:45)
FALL HIKE & MEDITATION
Reset your mind and heart by breathing in fresh air and discovering new ways to encourage your soul every day.
- October 6 (Thurs., 3:45-5:30)
STUDY SUPPORT & SNACKS
Munch on mini granola bars and study at The Bridge! Whether it's for an assignment, paper, or test prep, a friendly Bridge tutor is happy to help if you need it.
- October 6 (Thurs., 4:00-5:15)
PATIO HANGOUT & APPLE CIDER BAR
Slow down and play chill games or chat with Bridge friends (or volunteers). Make your own cozy apple cider!
- October 6 (Thurs., 4:30-5:45)
WINTER INSECT HOTELS w/ University of Illinois Extension
Make warm winter homes for native bees and ladybugs with cardboard tubes, hollow grass stems, and long twigs.

Hang Out at The Bridge!

Throughout the semester we have various "hangout" times for students! Look for the **Everyday Life** bucket icon during afterschool hours below. Sign up today!

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

- October 11 (Tues., 3:45-5:45)
AIR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT & GARAGE HANGOUT
Compete in (or watch) a high intensity air hockey tournament! All vintage arcade games will be powered up and ready to be played, so hang out for you while.
- October 11 (Tues., 4:00-6:00)
#SKILLS: POWER TOOLS 101 (HS ONLY) w/ Hilti
Use power tools with professional guidance and install drywall, drill holes in concrete, and more!
- October 12 (Wed., 4:00-5:15)
YOGA & POSITIVE THINKING
Practice yoga postures and positive thinking techniques that will energize and relax you!
- October 12 (Wed., 5:00-6:00)
WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE: HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL
Discover if a healthcare career is right for you through real life simulations about compassion and quick decision-making.
- October 13 (Thurs., 4:00-5:00)
PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE BOOKS & MEDIA
Organize the array of donated books and media at The Bridge Thrift Store. Community service hours given.
- October 13 (Thurs., 4:15-5:45)
OPEN ART STUDIO: CREATIVE DRAWING
Pick out a sketch pad, pencil, and charcoal so you can draw a work of art! Check out our assortment of acrylic paint and mixed media paper too.
- October 18 (Tues., 4:00-5:00)
DIGITAL DETOX & COLORING w/ Acorn Public Library
Put your phone away so you can fully engage with no pressure to be available. Then, just color, chat, and connect!
- October 18 (Tues., 4:15-5:45)
BIG ROOM & GIANT GAMES
Kick back and play Giant Connect Four, Chess, Jenga, and more. Maybe catch up with friends in a booth or at the kitchen table too? No agenda!
- October 19 (Wed., 4:00-5:30)
CULINARY AROUND THE WORLD: ASIAN WONTON TACOS w/ Chef Karla, RDN
Warm up crispy wonton wrappers in the oven, add chicken and veggie mixture and top with spices. Yum!
- October 19 (Wed., 4:45-6:00)
BEGINNING ACOUSTIC GUITAR
Give it a go and learn the basics of the acoustic guitar. Beginners are welcome and guitars are provided.
- October 20 (Thurs., 3:45-5:45)
GARAGE & ART STUDIO HANGOUT
Play a fun card or video game in the Garage! Check out our Art Studio wall too, especially all the painting and drawing supplies.
- October 20 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00)
PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE
Come help out at The Bridge Thrift Store, which supports the free programs you and your friends enjoy at the teen center! Community service hours given.
- October 20 (Thurs., 4:30-6:30)
DANCE WORKOUT w/ School of Ballet 5:8
Go for it with this fun and energizing dance workout! Watch a live snippet of a real ballet in a professional dance studio too. Beginners welcome!
- October 25 (Tues., 3:45-5:15)
OPEN ART STUDIO: SLIME KITS (MS ONLY)
Release some tension by making your own colorful, glittery, and fluffy slime. There's lots of other creative outlets in the Art Studio as well, so just explore!
- October 25 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
CULINARY: PUMPKIN CREAM CHEESE CAKE w/ Farmhouse Academy
Bake cakes filled with pumpkin goodness and decorate them using buttercream frosting that you made!
- October 26 (Wed., 4:00-5:45)
WALK TO DUNKIN' & GAMES
That's right! We're walking over to Dunkin' as a group and then we'll play super fun games back at The Bridge! Students are responsible for their purchases at Dunkin'.
- October 26 (Wed., 4:15-5:30)
NO-CARVE PUMPKIN DECORATING COMPETITION
Paint and adorn pumpkins with spooky or harvest-filled designs. Most creative wins a "Bridge-fied" pumpkin spice latte!
- October 27 (Thurs., 3:45-5:15)
BIG ROOM HANGOUT & HALLOWEEN TREATS
Grab a game, do a TikTok dance, or just chat with friends. Have some spooky treats on us!
- October 27 (Thurs., 4:15-5:30)
OPEN ART STUDIO: HALLOWEEN MAKE-UP
Creatively test out your Halloween make-up on yourself or decorate a boo-tiful card for a friend. There's plenty to do in the Art Studio!
- November 1 (Tues., 3:45-5:45)
GARAGE HANGOUT & VIDEO GAME TOURNEY w/ Matt, Bridge Staffer
Laugh and hang out with friends in the Garage! Play in a video game tourney if you so desire. Winner gets two free Cafe drinks - second one must be for a friend.
- November 1 (Tues., 4:00-6:00)
PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE
Keep working on those community service hours! Help out at The Bridge Thrift Store, which supports the free programs you and your friends enjoy at the teen center.
- November 2 (Wed., 4:00-5:15)
WATERCOLOR TECHNIQUES
Add color and texture to watercolor suns and skies. Try out techniques like wet, dry, and moist.
- November 2 (Wed., 4:15-5:45)
PROJECT GIVE: BLESS THE HOMELESS w/ All God's People
Sort donated clothes, new toiletries, and pre-packaged food. Community service hours given.
- November 3 (Thurs., 3:45-5:30)
STUDY SUPPORT & SNACKS
Munch on some energizing brain food and study at The Bridge! Whether it's for an assignment, paper, or test prep, a friendly Bridge tutor is happy to help if you need it.
- November 3 (Thurs., 4:00-5:00)
PICTIONARY & POPCORN BAR
Enjoy a few friendly rounds of Pictionary and munch on some popcorn - sweet and/or salty additions, anyone?
- November 3 (Thurs., 5:00-6:00)
SONGWRITING w/ Written for Women
Brainstorm lyrics, gain inspiration from melody, and practice with writing exercises. All levels welcome.
- November 8 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
CAFE & ART STUDIO HANGOUT
Relax after the school day! Play a non-competitive board game at the Cafe counter or color in the Art Studio.
- November 8 (Tues., 4:15-5:45)
SOUL CAFE: GRIEF COPING & MINDFUL ART w/ Willow House
Find out how to better support yourself and others who are grieving the loss of a family member, even a pet. Create an art piece using clay, sketch paper, or a collage.
- November 9 (Wed., 4:00-5:30)
CULINARY: SMOKED TURKEY & CORNBREAD DRESSING w/ City Barbeque
Whip up a maple glaze to drizzle on a turkey that you helped cook! For a side, make sweet cornbread dressing.
- November 9 (Wed., 4:15-5:45)
FASHION: UPCYCLE FALL SWEATERS w/ The Onyx Label
Bring your fav sweater & freshen it up with paint, patches, and embellishments! Extra sweaters provided.
- November 10 (Thurs., 3:45-5:45)
BIG ROOM HANGOUT & CHESS
Chat and laugh with friends in a booth or unwind to your newest playlist in The Hideaway. A few Chess boards will be set up for those who are up for a challenge!
- November 10 (Thurs., 4:00-5:00)
INSTAGRAMABLE PHOTO TIPS w/ Four 12 Photography
Use everyday objects and hidden phone features to enhance your photographs. And then, share them on #Instagram!
- November 15 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
GARAGE HANGOUT & BOARD GAMES
Meet new Bridge friends over an energizing round of Spot It, Scrabble, Connect Four or Clue. All vintage arcade games will also be accessible to you, so have at it!
- November 15 (Tues., 4:45-6:00)
STUDY SMARTER, NOT HARDER WITH CHIPS AND DIPS
Get better at studying with tried and true methods from a former teacher. Bonus: enjoy some chips and dips!
- November 16 (Wed., 4:00-5:30)
KNITTING: FINGERLESS MITTENS
Get ready for winter by knitting cozy and colorful fingerless mittens. Beginners welcome!
- November 17 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30)
KITCHEN HANGOUT & PUMPKIN SURPRISE
Hang out around the kitchen table or counter with new friends and old - try out those "Chit Chat" cards we have all over The Bridge. Get your pumpkin-lovin' taste buds ready!

On Mission

The Bridge has always been centered around a holistic approach to serving students. Each focus area will be highlighted during "On Mission" months. Look for the '+' in **SEPTEMBER** as we focus on **EMOTIONAL**.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

- November 17 (Thurs., 4:15-5:30)
GALAXY ACRYLIC PAINT POURING
Pour, swirl and drip paint onto a blank canvas to create your own galaxy with stars, planets and more.
- November 17 (Thurs., 5:00-6:00)
SOUL CAFE: GRATITUDE JOURNALS w/ Ace Counseling
What are you thankful for? Get better at "counting your blessings" by creating and decorating a gratitude journal.
- MIDDLE SCHOOL CRASH WEEK**
- November 21 (Mon, 4:15-5:30)
THANKSGIVING MASON JAR CENTERPIECES (MS ONLY) w/ Shelby, Bridge Alumna
Upcycle a jar with burlap, faux leaves and a grateful saying. Add it to the holiday table (ask permission first!)
- November 22 (Tues., 4:15-5:30)
OPEN ART STUDIO: PAINTABLE WOODEN CRAFTS (MS ONLY)
Paint a few wooden crafts which are perfect small gifts! Did you know there's also a ton of bracelet supplies in the Art Studio wall? So much to do!
- November 23 (Wed., 3:45-5:15)
KITCHEN HANGOUT: APPLES TO APPLES, & PIE (MS ONLY)
Gather around the farmhouse table, play Apples to Apples, laugh with new friends, and have some pie!
- November 22 (Tues., 4:00-5:15)
THRIFT STORE HOLIDAY SHOPPING w/ Kelsey, Bridge Staffer
Find new, vintage, or funny gifts and spend less too. Shop at The Bridge Thrift Store, which helps support the free programs you enjoy!
- November 23 (Wed., 4:15-5:30)
PROJECT GIVE: SOCK BUNDLES
Assemble warm sock bundles for local firefighters and paramedics who risk their lives every day for others. Community service hours given.
- December 6 (Tues., 4:00-6:00)
HIDEAWAY & BIG ROOM HANGOUT
Shake off the day by resting in The Hideaway with a good book - one person per pod, please. Or suggest a fun group board game at the kitchen table so no one's left out.
- December 6 (Tues., 4:15-5:30)
DIY: WHIMSICAL GLASS LANTERNS
Create a whimsical glass lantern with stenciled fairies, tissue paper, faux flowers, and a tea light candle.
- December 6 (Tues., 4:30-5:30)
DISNEY TRIVIA & MICKEY-SHAPED SNACKS
Battle your Bridge pals in magical Disney trivia and have snacks in the shape of our favorite mouse!
- December 7 (Wed., 4:00-6:00)
WOODEN HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS (HS ONLY) w/ Rockler Woodworking
Sand and shape a wooden tree ornament using industrial tools and techniques. Must wear high-collared shirts and closed-toed shoes. Signed waiver required.
- December 7 (Wed., 4:15-5:30)
BEGINNING UKULELE w/ Down Home Guitars
This Hawaiian instrument is perfect to pick up and try! All skill levels welcome. Ukuleles provided.
- December 8 (Thurs., 3:45-5:15)
OPEN ART STUDIO: HOLIDAY CRAFT KITS
Get your cheer on! Create a personal decoration or thoughtful gift out of a holiday craft kit.
- December 8 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30)
CULINARY AROUND THE WORLD: FRENCH MINI QUICHES w/ Chef Karla, RDN
Bake filo pastry squares with a mixture of chopped veggies, ham, and eggs. Top with sprinkled cheese. Bon appétit!
- December 8 (Thurs., 4:30-5:30)
PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE JEWELRY
Check out all the generously-donated "bling" behind The Bridge Thrift Store jewelry counter! Inspect different types of jewels, so authenticity & worth can be determined. Community service hours given.
- December 13 (Tues., 3:45-5:15)
GARAGE HANGOUT & HOT CHOCOLATE BAR
Challenge someone to a match of Foesball or play a few rounds of Pool. As a sweet treat, sip on a hot chocolate w/ custom flavors and toppings!
- December 13 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
CULINARY: HOMEMADE MARSHMALLOWS w/ Priscilla, Bridge Founder
Make light and fluffy marshmallows with honey, gelatin, vanilla bean, and arrowroot powder. You won't be sorry!
- December 13 (Tues., 4:15-6:00)
FINALS STUDY SUPPORT & SNACKS (HS ONLY)
Munch on empowering brain food and get ready for finals! A friendly Bridge tutor is happy to provide study tips or encouragement, so feel free to ask.
- December 14 (Wed., 4:00-6:00)
SEWING: MINI TREE GARLAND
Choose holiday-themed fabric, sew mini Christmas trees and hang them on decorative ribbon. Beginners welcome!
- December 14 (Wed., 4:15-5:45)
PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE
Give back! Help out at The Bridge Thrift Store, which supports the free programs you and your friends enjoy at the teen center. Community service hours given.
- December 15 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00)
ICE SKATING (HS ONLY)
Kick off winter break with our annual trip to the ice rink. Bundle up... it's cold outside! Skates will be provided.
- December 15 (Thurs., 4:30-5:30)
BINGO TOURNAMENT
Play a chill game of Bingo with your Bridge friends! Winners get to rummage the Bridge Prize Bin.
- December 15 (Thurs., 4:45-5:45)
WINTERY ANIMAL ORIGAMI & HOT TEA w/ Forest Preserves of Cook County
Intricately fold paper into wintry friends and sip flavorful hot tea on this cold day!
- December 20 (Tues., 3:45-5:15)
OPEN ART STUDIO: DIY CHRISTMAS GIFTS
No need to do last-minute shopping. We'll have ideas and supplies ready so you can make a thoughtful gift or two for a loved one!
- December 20 (Tues., 4:30-5:45)
HOLIDAY GAMES & WINTER TREATS
Embrace the season, play traditional holiday games with your fellow Bridge pals, and enjoy tasty treats!
- December 21 (Wed., 4:00-5:15)
HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING IDEAS w/ Jess, Bridge Staffer
Only four days left! Level up your wrapping skills by adding embellishments and personal touches to gifts. Bring your own gifts to wrap or practice on boxes that we'll provide.
- December 21 (Wed., 4:15-5:30)
WINTER FAIRY GARDENS w/ Jade, Bridge Alumna
Design a mini winter garden with succulents, stones, miniature props. See where your imagination takes you!
- December 22 (Thurs., 3:45-5:15)
GARAGE HANGOUT & CANDY CANES
Beat your high score on Pop-A-Shot or play a fast-paced game like Foesball or Catch Phrase. Enjoy a candy cane because... why not?!
- December 22 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30)
CULINARY: DECORATE CHRISTMAS COOKIES w/ Mandi, Bridge Staffer
Try some fun decorating and frosting techniques that you can pass on as your own holiday tradition!

ONLINE SIGN-UPS BEGIN MONDAY, AUGUST 22 @ 2PM

FREE AFTER SCHOOL BUS PICK UP

Check our bus schedule online and sign up for the following schools: **Central Middle School, Summit Hill Jr. High, and Jerling Jr. High.**

Visit our website and click the Green Button at the top.